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Source and Referral Information

The statistical information in this publication is derived from information on the *Independent Adoption Program – Individual Case Report (AD 42I)* submitted after a recommendation is made to the court by those public adoption agencies licensed to perform Independent Adoptions. A copy of this form and instructions is attached to the end of this publication.

INTRODUCTION

Characteristics of California children whose Independent Adoptions were completed during the 12-month period July 2000 through June 2001 [state fiscal year (SFY) 2000-01] are described in this publication. Also described are the characteristics of their birth parent(s) and the adoptive parent(s) as well as the characteristics of noteworthy case actions. This information is collected to assist state and county adoption agencies in planning and evaluating Independent Adoption programs and in adoption policy development.

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) provides Independent Adoption services to 55 counties through seven adoption program district offices. The remaining three counties are licensed to provide those services in their own county (see Appendix A).

When a recommendation regarding an Independent Adoption petition is submitted to the Superior Court, the adoption agency is required to submit to CDSS an individual record of case characteristics entitled *Independent Adoption Program – Individual Case Report (AD 42I)*. The data collected on the AD 42I are detailed on the tables in this publication which display similarities and differences between non-relative and relative Independent Adoptions. These tables are separated into three categories, including data on case actions, characteristics of the children and their biological parent(s), and characteristics of the adoptive parent(s).

SUMMARY OF MEDIANS
Approval or Conditional Approval Cases
by Non-Relative and Relative Status
SFY 2000-01

Characteristics of Case Actions	All Independent Adoptions	Non-Relative Adoptions	Relative Adoptions
Length of Time Between Date of Placement and Date Adoption Petition Filed	67 Days	33 Days	597 Days
Length of Time Between Date Petition Filed and Date Court Report Filed	259 Days	232 Days	323 Days
Extension Granted to 180-Day Time Limit (in days)	150 Days	120 Days	180 Days
Characteristics of Child and Birth Parent(s)			
Age of Child at Time of Placement	3 Days	2 Days	676 Days
Age of Birth Mother at Birth of Child	26 Years	26 Years	26 Years
Age of Birth Father at Birth of Child	29 Years	29 Years	29 Years

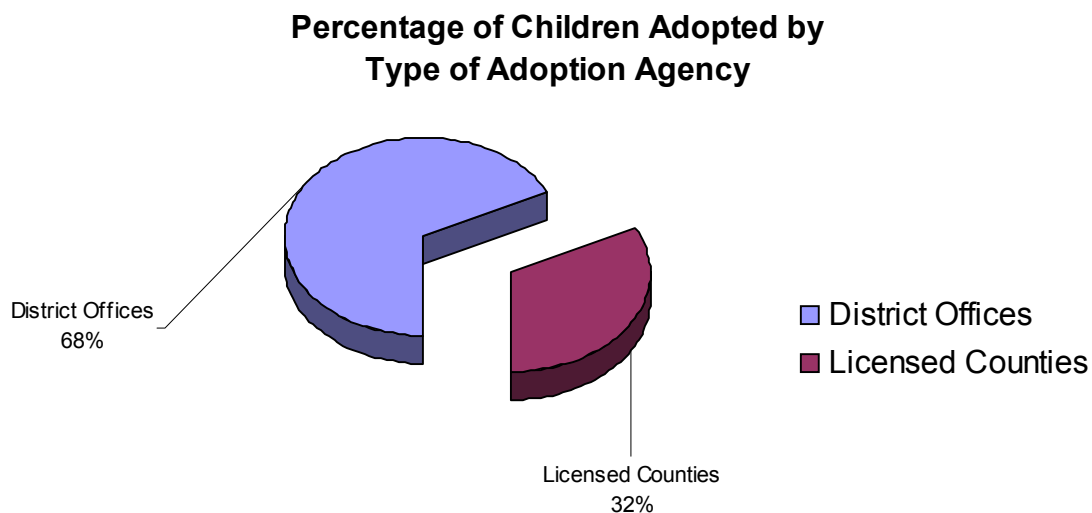
Characteristics of Adoptive Parent(s)	All Independent Adoptions	Non- Relative Adoptions	Relative Adoptions
Age of Adoptive Mother at Time of Court Report	42 Years	40 Years	45 Years
Age of Adoptive Father at Time of Court Report	43 Years	41 Years	48 Years
Gross Annual Income of Adoptive Parent(s)	\$69,000	\$79,000	\$50,000
Birth Mother's or Child's Expenses Covered by Adoptive Parent(s)	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,200	\$ 500

DESCRIPTION OF THE INDEPENDENT ADOPTION PROGRAM

An Independent Adoption is an adoption in which the birth parent(s) personally selects the prospective adoptive family based on personal knowledge about them. The birth parent(s) places the child directly with the selected family without the involvement of an adoption agency.

Independent Adoption Agencies

Independent Adoption services are provided and investigations are made on behalf of the court by CDSS district offices located in Arcata, Chico, Fresno, Monterey Park, Oakland, Rohnert Park, and Sacramento. Three counties are also licensed to perform Independent Adoptions (Alameda, Los Angeles, and San Diego). See Appendix A for lists of public providers of Independent Adoption services.



Independent Adoption Process

If a child is related by blood or affinity to the prospective adoptive parent(s), or has been under his or her legal guardianship for at least one year, the prospective adoptive parent(s) may file a Petition to Adopt. After the child is placed, the birth parent(s) gives his or her consent to the adoption in the presence of a CDSS or county adoption agency representative.

If the child is not related to the prospective adoptive parent(s), or has not been under legal guardianship for at least one year, the placing birth parent(s) must receive certain advisements prior to the placement of the child with the prospective adoptive parent(s). An Adoption Service Provider advises the birth parent(s) of his or her legal rights, alternatives to adoption, and alternative forms of adoption. After receiving the advisements, the placing birth parent(s) agrees to the adoption of the child by the prospective adopting parent(s) by signing, with the prospective adoptive parent(s), and with the assistance of the Adoption Service Provider, an Adoption Placement Agreement.

Within 10 days after the Adoption Placement Agreement is signed, a Petition to Adopt must be filed by the prospective adoptive parent(s) in the Superior Court in the county in which he or she resides. (Note: Family Code 8802(a)(1) was amended in January 2003, to allow non-California residents to adopt in California. Under this amendment, if the prospective adoptive parent(s) is not a resident of this state, he or she may file the Petition to Adopt either in the county in which the placing birth parent(s) resided when the Adoption Placement Agreement was signed or in the county in which the placing birth parent(s) resided when the petition was filed.)

The placing birth parent(s) may revoke their Consent or Adoption Placement Agreement and request return of the child within 30 days of signing. The Consent or Adoption Placement Agreement becomes permanent and irrevocable on the 31st day. The birth parent(s) may shorten the 30 day period by signing a Waiver of Right to Revoke Consent form before a CDSS or county adoption agency representative.

If the adoptive child is over the age of twelve, his or her consent is necessary for the adoption.

The CDSS or delegated county adoption agency is mandated by law to assess the adoptive home and determine whether the child is a proper subject for adoption. The investigating agency gathers background information, including criminal and child abuse checks, reports of medical examinations, employment verifications, and marital histories of the petitioner(s). The agency is also required to obtain information from the child's birth parent(s) regarding medical/mental health history, Indian Child Welfare Act eligibility, and other information that will enable the agency to determine whether the child is legally free for adoption.

Within 180 days of the filing of the adoption petition, the investigating agency must complete its assessment and report the findings to the court with a recommendation for or against the adoption petition. The court may grant an extension of time when requested by the investigating agency. Parental rights are not terminated until the adoption is finalized and the court grants a decree of adoption.

PROFILE OF A TYPICAL INDEPENDENT ADOPTION

Typically, children adopted through CDSS' Independent Adoption Program are female, white, and healthy. They were born in California and began living with their adoptive family when they were 3 days old.

The birth mother was an unmarried 26-year old who chose to place her child; the birth father was 29. Both birth parents had some high school education, and were legal residents of California. The birth parent(s) received assistance in determining an adoptive placement for their child.

The adopting family was a white, married couple with some college education. The adoptive parents were not related to the child. The age of the adopting mother was 42 years, and the age of the adopting father was 43. The adopting family had other children in the home. The adopting family's gross annual income was \$69,000.

Note: Throughout this publication, the percentage totals in the individual tables occasionally do not equal 100% due to rounding formulas. Further, the totals contained in this publication do not include data on all recommendations to the court because AD 421 characteristic reports are not submitted for every court report submitted. Thus, the AD 421 reported totals are not the same as those found in the *Adoptions in California: Agency, Independent, and Intercountry Adoption Programs –Annual Statistical Report (July 1, 2000 – June 30, 2001)* (derived from the AD 56A, AD 56D, and AD 202B aggregate data reports which are submitted quarterly). A complete copy of that publication may be obtained from the CDSS web site at:

<http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/research>

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CHARACTERISTICS OF CASE ACTIONS

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ALL CASES

TABLE 1

TYPE OF RECOMMENDATION TO COURT

FISCAL YEAR 2000-01

RECOMMENDATION	TOTAL CASES			CHILD PLACED WITH			
				NON-RELATIVE		RELATIVE	
	NUMBER	PERCENT		NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL	<u>1,572</u>	<u>100.0%</u>		<u>886</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>490</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
CHILD PLACED	<u>1,376</u>	87.5%	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>886</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>490</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
APPROVAL	1,207		87.7%	816	92.1%	391	79.8%
CONDITIONAL APPROVAL	169		12.3%	70	7.9%	99	20.2%
CHILD NOT PLACED	<u>196</u>	12.5%	<u>100.0%</u>				
DISMISSAL*	165		84.2%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
DENIAL*	31		15.8%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

* FOR THESE RECOMMENDATIONS, DATA WAS NOT REPORTED REGARDING RELATIONSHIP STATUS OF PETITIONER.

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CONDITIONAL APPROVAL CASES

TABLE 2

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION OF CONDITIONAL APPROVAL

FISCAL YEAR 2000-01

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION	TOTAL CASES		CHILD PLACED WITH			
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NON-RELATIVE		RELATIVE	
			NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL	<u>169</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>99</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
FAMILY CODE SEC. 7660 ET SEQ. ACTION PENDING	54	32.0%	34	48.6%	20	20.2%
FAMILY CODE SEC. 7820 ET SEQ. ACTION PENDING	49	29.0%	19	27.1%	30	30.3%
PARENTAL CONSENT QUESTIONED	46	27.2%	8	11.4%	38	38.4%
OTHER	13	7.7%	5	7.1%	8	8.1%
OTHER COURT ACTION PENDING	7	4.1%	4	5.7%	3	3.0%

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DISMISSAL AND DENIAL CASES

TABLE 3

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION OF DISMISSAL OR DENIAL *

FISCAL YEAR 2000-01

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION	TOTAL CASES		TYPE OF RECOMMENDATION			
			DISMISSAL		DENIAL	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL	<u>196</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>165</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
PETITION FILED IN WRONG COUNTY	9	4.6%	9	5.5%	0	0.0%
OTHER TECHNICALITY	25	12.8%	19	11.5%	6	19.4%
CHILD REFUSED TO CONSENT	4	2.0%	4	2.4%	0	0.0%
BIRTH PARENT REFUSED CONSENT, CHILD RECLAIMED	18	9.2%	11	6.7%	7	22.6%
BIRTH PARENT REFUSED CONSENT, CHILD NOT RECLAIMED	14	7.1%	13	7.9%	1	3.2%
BIRTH PARENT REVOKED PLACEMENT AGREEMENT OR CONSENT, CHILD RECLAIMED	6	3.1%	6	3.6%	0	0.0%
BIRTH PARENT REVOKED PLACEMENT AGREEMENT OR CONSENT, CHILD NOT RECLAIMED	1	0.5%	0	0.0%	1	3.2%
ADOPTIVE PARENT HOME NOT SUITABLE	5	2.6%	3	1.8%	2	6.5%
ADOPTIVE PARENT WITHDREW, CHILD RETURNED	25	12.8%	23	13.9%	2	6.5%
ADOPTIVE PARENT WITHDREW, CHILD NOT RETURNED	41	20.9%	37	22.4%	4	12.9%
OTHER	48	24.5%	40	24.2%	8	25.8%

* FOR THESE RECOMMENDATIONS, DATA WAS NOT REPORTED REGARDING RELATIONSHIP STATUS OF PETITIONER.

INDEPENDENT ADOPTION PROGRAM
APPROVAL OR CONDITIONAL APPROVAL CASES

TABLE 4

LENGTH OF TIME BETWEEN DATE OF PLACEMENT AND DATE ADOPTION PETITION FILED

FISCAL YEAR 2000-01

TIME	TOTAL CASES		CHILD PLACED WITH			
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NON-RELATIVE		RELATIVE	
			NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL	<u>1,376</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>886</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>490</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
PETITIONS FILED PRIOR TO PLACEMENT	37	2.7%	18	2.0%	19	3.9%
5 DAYS OR LESS	90	6.5%	82	9.3%	8	1.6%
6 - 10 DAYS	74	5.4%	68	7.7%	6	1.2%
11 - 20 DAYS	183	13.3%	158	17.8%	25	5.1%
21 - 30 DAYS	115	8.4%	102	11.5%	13	2.7%
>1 - 3 MONTHS	292	21.2%	235	26.5%	57	11.6%
4 - 6 MONTHS	91	6.6%	48	5.4%	43	8.8%
7 - 9 MONTHS	53	3.9%	23	2.6%	30	6.1%
10 - 12 MONTHS	21	1.5%	11	1.2%	10	2.0%
13 - 18 MONTHS	55	4.0%	28	3.2%	27	5.5%
19 - 24 MONTHS	40	2.9%	19	2.1%	21	4.3%
25 - 36 MONTHS	77	5.6%	27	3.0%	50	10.2%
37 - 48 MONTHS	44	3.2%	17	1.9%	27	5.5%
49 - 60 MONTHS	36	2.6%	11	1.2%	25	5.1%
61+ MONTHS	168	12.2%	39	4.4%	129	26.3%
MEDIAN TIME	67 DAYS		33 DAYS		597 DAYS	

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APPROVAL OR CONDITIONAL APPROVAL CASES

TABLE 5

LENGTH OF TIME BETWEEN DATE PETITION FILED AND DATE COURT REPORT FILED

FISCAL YEAR 2000-01

TIME	TOTAL CASES		CHILD PLACED WITH			
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NON-RELATIVE		RELATIVE	
			NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL	<u>1,376</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>886</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>490</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
60 DAYS OR LESS	10	0.7%	4	0.5%	6	1.2%
61 - 90 DAYS	14	1.0%	8	0.9%	6	1.2%
91 - 120 DAYS	23	1.7%	13	1.5%	10	2.0%
121 - 180 DAYS	228	16.6%	187	21.1%	41	8.4%
181 - 240 DAYS	338	24.6%	257	29.0%	81	16.5%
241 - 300 DAYS	223	16.2%	153	17.3%	70	14.3%
301 - 365 DAYS	177	12.9%	95	10.7%	82	16.7%
366 - 548 DAYS	218	15.8%	108	12.2%	110	22.4%
549 - 730 DAYS	82	6.0%	30	3.4%	52	10.6%
731+ DAYS	63	4.6%	31	3.5%	32	6.5%
MEDIAN TIME	259 DAYS		232 DAYS		323 DAYS	

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APPROVAL OR CONDITIONAL APPROVAL CASES

TABLE 6

45-DAY LIMIT MET AS REQUIRED BY FAMILY CODE SECTION 8808*
BY TYPE OF RELATIONSHIP - NON-RELATIVE
FISCAL YEAR 2000-01

45-DAY TIME LIMIT STATUS	PETITIONER(S)		BIRTH MOTHER		PRESUMED FATHER		ALLEGED FATHER	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL	<u>886</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>886</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>886</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>886</u>	<u>81.4%</u>
FIELD LEFT BLANK	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	165	18.6%
INTERVIEWS NOT REQUIRED	4	0.5%	127	14.3%	687	77.5%	442	49.9%
INTERVIEWS REQUIRED	<u>882</u>	<u>99.5%</u> <u>100.0%</u>	<u>759</u>	<u>85.7%</u> <u>100.0%</u>	<u>199</u>	<u>22.5%</u> <u>100.0%</u>	<u>279</u>	<u>31.5%</u> <u>100.0%</u>
45-DAY TIME LIMIT MET	745	84.5%	607	80.0%	129	64.8%	233	83.5%
45-DAY TIME LIMIT NOT MET	137	15.5%	152	20.0%	70	35.2%	46	16.5%

* FAMILY CODE SEC. 8808 STATES IN PART THAT THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES OR A DELEGATED COUNTY ADOPTION AGENCY SHALL INTERVIEW THE PETITIONERS AND ALL PERSONS FROM WHOM CONSENT IS REQUIRED AND WHOSE ADDRESSES ARE KNOWN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND IN THE CASE OF RESIDENTS OF CALIFORNIA WITHIN 45 WORKING DAYS, EXCLUDING LEGAL HOLIDAYS.

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TABLE 6A

45-DAY LIMIT MET AS REQUIRED BY FAMILY CODE SECTION 8808*
BY TYPE OF RELATIONSHIP - RELATIVE
FISCAL YEAR 2000-01

45-DAY TIME LIMIT STATUS	PETITIONER(S)		BIRTH MOTHER		PRESUMED FATHER		ALLEGED FATHER	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL	<u>490</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>490</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>490</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>490</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
FIELD LEFT BLANK	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	34	6.9%
INTERVIEWS NOT REQUIRED	2	0.4%	137	28.0%	273	55.7%	374	76.3%
INTERVIEWS REQUIRED	<u>488</u>	<u>99.6%</u> <u>100.0%</u>	<u>353</u>	<u>72.0%</u> <u>100.0%</u>	<u>217</u>	<u>44.3%</u> <u>100.0%</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>16.7%</u> <u>100.0%</u>
45-DAY TIME LIMIT MET	328	67.2%	185	52.4%	94	43.3%	61	74.4%
45-DAY TIME LIMIT NOT MET	160	32.8%	168	47.6%	123	56.7%	21	25.6%

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APPROVAL OR CONDITIONAL APPROVAL CASES

TABLE 7

180-DAY TIME LIMIT MET IN SUBMITTING REPORTS TO THE COURT
AS REQUIRED BY FAMILY CODE SECTION 8807*
FISCAL YEAR 2000-01

180-DAY TIME LIMIT STATUS	TOTAL CASES		CHILD PLACED WITH			
			NON-RELATIVE		RELATIVE	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL	<u>1,376</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>886</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>490</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
180-DAY TIME LIMIT NOT MET	879	63.9%	498	56.2%	381	77.8%
180-DAY TIME LIMIT MET	497	36.1%	388	43.8%	109	22.2%

* FAMILY CODE SEC. 8807 STATES IN PART THAT THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES OR A DELEGATED COUNTY ADOPTION AGENCY SHALL INVESTIGATE EVERY PROPOSED INDEPENDENT ADOPTION AND SUBMIT A RECOMMENDATION TO THE COURT WITHIN 180 DAYS FROM THE DATE THE PETITION TO ADOPT IS FILED.

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APPROVAL OR CONDITIONAL APPROVAL CASES

TABLE 8
EXTENSION GRANTED TO 180-DAY TIME LIMIT AND NUMBER OF DAYS EXTENDED
FISCAL YEAR 2000-01

EXTENSION IN DAYS	TOTAL CASES		CHILD PLACED WITH			
			NON-RELATIVE		RELATIVE	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL	<u>1,376</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>886</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>490</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
CASES NOT GRANTED EXTENSION	790	57.4%	542	61.2%	248	50.6%
CASES GRANTED EXTENSION IN DAYS	<u>586</u>	<u>42.6%</u> <u>100.0%</u>	<u>344</u>	<u>38.8%</u> <u>100.0%</u>	<u>242</u>	<u>49.4%</u> <u>100.0%</u>
1 - 30 DAYS	51	8.7%	42	12.2%	9	3.7%
31 - 60 DAYS	75	12.8%	51	14.8%	24	9.9%
61 - 90 DAYS	93	15.9%	58	16.9%	35	14.5%
91 - 120 DAYS	54	9.2%	35	10.2%	19	7.9%
121 - 180 DAYS	108	18.4%	56	16.3%	52	21.5%
181+ DAYS	205	35.0%	102	29.7%	103	42.6%
MEDIAN NUMBER OF DAYS*	150 DAYS		120 DAYS		180 DAYS	

* For cases where extensions were granted.

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TABLE 9
ASSISTANCE IN PLACING CHILD FOR ADOPTION

FISCAL YEAR 2000-01

PERSON ASSISTING	TOTAL CASES		CHILD PLACED WITH			
			NON-RELATIVE		RELATIVE	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL	<u>1,376</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>886</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>490</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
BIRTH PARENT(S) NOT ASSISTED	672	48.8%	298	33.6%	374	76.3%
BIRTH PARENT(S) ASSISTED	<u>704</u>	<u>51.2%</u> <u>100.0%</u>	<u>588</u>	<u>66.4%</u> <u>100.0%</u>	<u>116</u>	<u>23.7%</u> <u>100.0%</u>
ATTORNEY	213	30.3%	212	36.1%	1	0.9%
RELATIVE	204	29.0%	92	15.6%	112	96.6%
ADOPTION CENTER/CLINIC	123	17.5%	122	20.7%	1	0.9%
FRIEND/NEIGHBOR	99	14.1%	99	16.8%	0	0.0%
PHYSICIAN/NURSE	27	3.8%	27	4.6%	0	0.0%
CHURCH/MINISTER	14	2.0%	13	2.2%	1	0.9%
PUBLIC AGENCY	1	0.1%	1	0.2%	0	0.0%
OTHER	23	3.3%	22	3.7%	1	0.9%

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TABLE 10

ACTION REQUIRED WHEN CONSENT NOT SECURED - BIRTH MOTHER

FISCAL YEAR 2000-01

ACTION REQUIRED	TOTAL CASES		CHILD PLACED WITH			
			NON-RELATIVE		RELATIVE	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL	<u>1,376</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>886</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>490</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
CONSENT SECURED	1,167	84.8%	827	93.3%	340	69.4%
CONSENT NOT SECURED	<u>209</u>	<u>15.2%</u> <u>100.0%</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>6.7%</u> <u>100.0%</u>	<u>150</u>	<u>30.6%</u> <u>100.0%</u>
FAMILY CODE SEC. 7820 ET SEQ.	79	37.8%	24	40.7%	55	36.7%
FAMILY CODE SEC. 7660 ET SEQ.	1	0.5%	1	1.7%	0	0.0%
FAMILY CODE SEC. 8604c	1	0.5%	0	0.0%	1	0.7%
WAIVER OF RIGHT TO FURTHER NOTICE	1	0.5%	1	1.7%	0	0.0%
BIRTH MOTHER DECEASED	89	42.6%	11	18.6%	78	52.0%
OUT-OF-STATE COURT ACTION	2	1.0%	2	3.4%	0	0.0%
OTHER ACTIONS	7	3.3%	2	3.4%	5	3.3%
UNKNOWN	29	13.9%	18	30.5%	11	7.3%

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TABLE 11
ACTION REQUIRED WHEN CONSENT NOT SECURED - PRESUMED FATHER*

FISCAL YEAR 2000-01

ACTION REQUIRED	TOTAL CASES		CHILD PLACED WITH			
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NON-RELATIVE		RELATIVE	
			NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL	<u>1,376</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>886</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>490</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
NO PRESUMED FATHER INDICATED	798	58.0%	638	72.0%	160	32.7%
PRESUMED FATHER - CONSENT SECURED	408	29.7%	178	20.1%	230	46.9%
PRESUMED FATHER - CONSENT NOT SECURED	<u>170</u>	<u>12.4%</u> <u>100.0%</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>7.9%</u> <u>100.0%</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>20.4%</u> <u>100.0%</u>
FAMILY CODE SEC. 7820 ET SEQ.	85	50.0%	32	45.7%	53	53.0%
FAMILY CODE SEC. 7660 ET SEQ.	11	6.5%	8	11.4%	3	3.0%
FAMILY CODE SEC. 7630 ET SEQ.	7	4.1%	7	10.0%	0	0.0%
WAIVER OF RIGHT TO FURTHER NOTICE	4	2.4%	3	4.3%	1	1.0%
PRESUMED FATHER DECEASED	41	24.1%	4	5.7%	37	37.0%
OUT-OF-STATE COURT ACTION	2	1.2%	2	2.9%	0	0.0%
OTHER ACTIONS	20	11.8%	14	20.0%	6	6.0%

* THERE WERE 22 CASES WITH A SECOND PRESUMED FATHER. STATISTICS ARE NOT SHOWN FOR THOSE SECOND PRESUMED FATHERS.

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TABLE 12
ACTION REQUIRED WHEN CONSENT NOT SECURED - ALLEGED FATHER*
FISCAL YEAR 2000-01

ACTION REQUIRED	TOTAL CASES		CHILD PLACED WITH			
			NON-RELATIVE		RELATIVE	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL	<u>1,376</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>886</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>490</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
NO ALLEGED FATHER INDICATED	621	45.1%	290	32.7%	331	67.6%
ALLEGED FATHER - CONSENT SECURED	111	8.1%	71	8.0%	40	8.2%
ALLEGED FATHER - CONSENT NOT SECURED	<u>644</u>	<u>46.8%</u> <u>100.0%</u>	<u>525</u>	<u>59.3%</u> <u>100.0%</u>	<u>119</u>	<u>24.3%</u> <u>100.0%</u>
FAMILY CODE SEC. 7820 ET SEQ.	19	3.0%	11	2.1%	8	6.7%
FAMILY CODE SEC. 7660 ET SEQ.	364	56.5%	284	54.1%	80	67.2%
FAMILY CODE SEC. 7666	73	11.3%	65	12.4%	8	6.7%
FAMILY CODE SEC. 7630 ET SEQ.	4	0.6%	4	0.8%	0	0.0%
FAMILY CODE SEC. 8604c	1	0.2%	0	0.0%	1	0.8%
WAIVER OF RIGHT TO FURTHER NOTICE	83	12.9%	74	14.1%	9	7.6%
DENIAL OF PATERNITY SIGNED	6	0.9%	4	0.8%	2	1.7%
ALLEGED FATHER DECEASED	6	0.9%	2	0.4%	4	3.4%
OUT-OF-STATE COURT ACTION	5	0.8%	5	1.0%	0	0.0%
OTHER ACTIONS	83	12.9%	76	14.5%	7	5.9%

* THERE WERE 56 CASES WITH A SECOND ALLEGED FATHER. STATISTICS ARE NOT SHOWN FOR THOSE SECOND ALLEGED FATHERS.

CHARACTERISTICS OF CHILD AND BIRTH PARENT(S)

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TABLE 13
GENDER OF CHILD
FISCAL YEAR 2000-01

GENDER	TOTAL CASES		CHILD PLACED WITH			
			NON-RELATIVE		RELATIVE	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL	<u>1,376</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>886</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>490</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
FEMALE	744	54.1%	483	54.5%	261	53.3%
MALE	632	45.9%	403	45.5%	229	46.7%

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TABLE 14
AGE OF CHILD AT TIME OF PLACEMENT

FISCAL YEAR 2000-01

AGE	TOTAL CASES		CHILD PLACED WITH			
			NON-RELATIVE		RELATIVE	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL	<u>1,376</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>886</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>490</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
5 DAYS OR LESS	789	57.3%	658	74.3%	131	26.7%
6 - 10 DAYS	38	2.8%	35	4.0%	3	0.6%
11 - 20 DAYS	31	2.3%	24	2.7%	7	1.4%
21 - 30 DAYS	19	1.4%	11	1.2%	8	1.6%
>1 - 3 MONTHS	59	4.3%	32	3.6%	27	5.5%
4 - 6 MONTHS	36	2.6%	13	1.5%	23	4.7%
7 - 9 MONTHS	23	1.7%	12	1.4%	11	2.2%
10 - 12 MONTHS	18	1.3%	11	1.2%	7	1.4%
13 - 18 MONTHS	39	2.8%	21	2.4%	18	3.7%
19 - 24 MONTHS	20	1.5%	8	0.9%	12	2.4%
25 - 36 MONTHS	28	2.0%	8	0.9%	20	4.1%
37 - 48 MONTHS	29	2.1%	6	0.7%	23	4.7%
49 - 60 MONTHS	20	1.5%	3	0.3%	17	3.5%
61+ MONTHS	224	16.3%	42	4.7%	182	37.1%
UNKNOWN	3	0.2%	2	0.2%	1	0.2%
MEDIAN AGE	3 DAYS		2 DAYS		676 DAYS	

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TABLE 15
RACE OF CHILD
FISCAL YEAR 2000-01

RACE*	TOTAL CASES		CHILD PLACED WITH			
			NON-RELATIVE		RELATIVE	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL	<u>1,376</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>886</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>490</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
RACE OF BOTH BIRTH PARENT(S) UNKNOWN	3	0.2%	2	0.2%	1	0.2%
RACE OF ONE BIRTH PARENT KNOWN	<u>189</u>	<u>13.7%</u>	<u>148</u>	<u>16.7%</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>8.4%</u>
WHITE	163	86.2%	131	88.5%	32	78.0%
BLACK	13	6.9%	10	6.8%	3	7.3%
ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER	8	4.2%	5	3.4%	3	7.3%
FILIPINO	4	2.1%	1	0.7%	3	7.3%
AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKAN INDIAN	1	0.5%	1	0.7%	0	0.0%
RACE OF BOTH BIRTH PARENTS KNOWN	<u>1,184</u>	<u>86.0%</u>	<u>736</u>	<u>83.1%</u>	<u>448</u>	<u>91.4%</u>
WHITE	881	74.4%	602	81.8%	279	62.3%
BLACK	50	4.2%	28	3.8%	22	4.9%
BLACK-WHITE	44	3.7%	37	5.0%	7	1.6%
BLACK-ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER	1	0.1%	1	0.1%	0	0.0%
ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER	136	11.5%	32	4.3%	104	23.2%
ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER-WHITE	26	2.2%	16	2.2%	10	2.2%
FILIPINO	23	1.9%	6	0.8%	17	3.8%
FILIPINO-WHITE	9	0.8%	7	1.0%	2	0.4%
FILIPINO-ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER	3	0.3%	1	0.1%	2	0.4%
AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKAN INDIAN	1	0.1%	0	0.0%	1	0.2%
AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKAN INDIAN-WHITE	10	0.8%	6	0.8%	4	0.9%

* CHILD'S RACE DERIVED FROM BIRTH PARENT(S)' INFORMATION.

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TABLE 15A
RACE OF CHILD WITH HISPANIC ORIGIN
FISCAL YEAR 2000-01

RACE*	TOTAL CASES		CHILD PLACED WITH			
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NON-RELATIVE		RELATIVE	
			NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL	<u>1,376</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>886</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>490</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
CHILD NOT OF HISPANIC ORIGIN	982	71.4%	644	72.7%	338	69.0%
CHILD OF HISPANIC ORIGIN	<u>394</u>	<u>28.6%</u> <u>100.0%</u>	<u>242</u>	<u>27.3%</u> <u>100.0%</u>	<u>152</u>	<u>31.0%</u> <u>100.0%</u>
HISPANIC-WHITE	324	82.2%	192	79.3%	132	86.8%
HISPANIC-BLACK	11	2.8%	10	4.1%	1	0.7%
HISPANIC-ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER	12	3.0%	8	3.3%	4	2.6%
HISPANIC-FILIPINO	4	1.0%	4	1.7%	0	0.0%
HISPANIC-AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKAN INDIAN	5	1.3%	3	1.2%	2	1.3%
HISPANIC-OTHER	38	9.6%	25	10.3%	13	8.6%

* CHILD'S HISPANIC ORIGIN DERIVED FROM BIRTH PARENT(S)' INFORMATION.

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TABLE 16

PRIMARY REASON CHILD IS PLACED FOR ADOPTION

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REASON	TOTAL CASES		CHILD PLACED WITH			
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NON-RELATIVE		RELATIVE	
			NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL	<u>1,376</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>886</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>490</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
SINGLE PARENT CHOSE TO PLACE CHILD	605	44.0%	473	53.4%	132	26.9%
BIRTH PARENTS TOGETHER-PLACED CHILD	164	11.9%	75	8.5%	89	18.2%
BIRTH PARENTS SEPARATED-PLACED CHILD	105	7.6%	49	5.5%	56	11.4%
BIRTH PARENT(S) UNABLE TO PARENT	95	6.9%	33	3.7%	62	12.7%
BIRTH PARENT(S) DECEASED	67	4.9%	6	0.7%	61	12.4%
PRESUMED/LEGAL FATHER NOT BIRTH FATHER	27	2.0%	22	2.5%	5	1.0%
CHILD ABANDONED	19	1.4%	4	0.5%	15	3.1%
READOPTION BY BIRTH PARENT(S)	3	0.2%	0	0.0%	3	0.6%
OTHER	291	21.1%	224	25.3%	67	13.7%

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TABLE 17

PREVIOUS PLACEMENT OF CHILD FOR ADOPTION

FISCAL YEAR 2000-01

PREVIOUS PLACEMENT STATUS	TOTAL CASES		CHILD PLACED WITH			
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NON-RELATIVE		RELATIVE	
			NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL	<u>1,376</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>886</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>490</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
NO PREVIOUS PLACEMENT	1,341	97.5%	857	96.7%	484	98.8%
PREVIOUS PLACEMENT	<u>35</u>	<u>2.5%</u> <u>100.0%</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>3.3%</u> <u>100.0%</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>1.2%</u> <u>100.0%</u>
ADOPTION COMPLETED	21	60.0%	17	58.6%	4	66.7%
ADOPTION NOT COMPLETED	14	40.0%	12	41.4%	2	33.3%

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TABLE 18

INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT (ICWA) STATUS OF CHILD

FISCAL YEAR 2000-01

ICWA STATUS	TOTAL CASES		CHILD PLACED WITH			
			NON-RELATIVE		RELATIVE	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL	<u>1,376</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>886</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>490</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
NOT SUBJECT TO ICWA	1,364	99.1%	877	99.0%	487	99.4%
SUBJECT TO ICWA	12	0.9%	9	1.0%	3	0.6%

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TABLE 19
AGE OF BIRTH MOTHER AT BIRTH OF CHILD
FISCAL YEAR 2000-01

AGE	TOTAL CASES		CHILD PLACED WITH			
			NON-RELATIVE		RELATIVE	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL	<u>1,376</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>886</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>490</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
AGE UNKNOWN	67	4.9%	28	3.2%	39	8.0%
AGE KNOWN	<u>1,309</u>	<u>95.1%</u> <u>100.0%</u>	<u>858</u>	<u>96.8%</u> <u>100.0%</u>	<u>451</u>	<u>92.0%</u> <u>100.0%</u>
13 - 15 YEARS	30	2.3%	23	2.7%	7	1.6%
16 - 19 YEARS	238	18.2%	150	17.5%	88	19.5%
20 - 24 YEARS	315	24.1%	209	24.4%	106	23.5%
25 - 29 YEARS	272	20.8%	156	18.2%	116	25.7%
30 - 34 YEARS	254	19.4%	160	18.6%	94	20.8%
35 - 39 YEARS	126	9.6%	102	11.9%	24	5.3%
40 - 45 YEARS	60	4.6%	49	5.7%	11	2.4%
45+ YEARS	14	1.1%	9	1.0%	5	1.1%
MEDIAN AGE*	26 YEARS		26 YEARS		26 YEARS	

* KNOWN AGES ONLY

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TABLE 20
AGE OF LEGAL/BIRTH FATHER AT BIRTH OF CHILD

FISCAL YEAR 2000-01

AGE	TOTAL CASES		CHILD PLACED WITH			
			NON-RELATIVE		RELATIVE	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL	<u>1,376</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>886</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>490</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
AGE UNKNOWN	586	42.6%	448	50.6%	138	28.2%
AGE KNOWN	<u>790</u>	<u>57.4%</u> <u>100.0%</u>	<u>438</u>	<u>49.4%</u> <u>100.0%</u>	<u>352</u>	<u>71.8%</u> <u>100.0%</u>
13 - 15 YEARS	3	0.4%	2	0.5%	1	0.3%
16 - 19 YEARS	97	12.3%	59	13.5%	38	10.8%
20 - 24 YEARS	168	21.3%	97	22.1%	71	20.2%
25 - 29 YEARS	176	22.3%	84	19.2%	92	26.1%
30 - 34 YEARS	191	24.2%	101	23.1%	90	25.6%
35 - 39 YEARS	57	7.2%	33	7.5%	24	6.8%
40 - 45 YEARS	65	8.2%	44	10.0%	21	6.0%
45+ YEARS	33	4.2%	18	4.1%	15	4.3%
MEDIAN AGE*	29 YEARS		29 YEARS		29 YEARS	

* KNOWN AGES ONLY

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TABLE 21
LEGAL RESIDENCE OF BIRTH MOTHER
FISCAL YEAR 2000-01

LEGAL RESIDENCE	TOTAL CASES		CHILD PLACED WITH			
			NON-RELATIVE		RELATIVE	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL	<u>1,376</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>886</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>490</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
IN CALIFORNIA	1,113	80.9%	821	92.7%	292	59.6%
OUTSIDE CALIFORNIA	217	15.8%	45	5.1%	172	35.1%
UNKNOWN	46	3.3%	20	2.3%	26	5.3%

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TABLE 22
LOCATION OF CHILD'S BIRTHPLACE
FISCAL YEAR 2000-01

BIRTHPLACE	TOTAL CASES		CHILD PLACED WITH			
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL	<u>1,376</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>886</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>490</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
IN UNITED STATES	<u>1,110</u>	<u>80.7%</u> <u>100.0%</u>	<u>811</u>	<u>91.5%</u> <u>100.0%</u>	<u>299</u>	<u>61.0%</u> <u>100.0%</u>
IN CALIFORNIA	926	83.4%	670	82.6%	256	85.6%
NOT IN CALIFORNIA	<u>184</u>	<u>16.6%</u> <u>100.0%</u>	<u>141</u>	<u>17.4%</u> <u>100.0%</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>14.4%</u> <u>100.0%</u>
ALABAMA	1	0.5%	0	0.0%	1	2.3%
ALASKA	4	2.2%	1	0.7%	3	7.0%
ARIZONA	34	18.5%	30	21.3%	4	9.3%
ARKANSAS	3	1.6%	0	0.0%	3	7.0%
COLORADO	2	1.1%	1	0.7%	1	2.3%
FLORIDA	2	1.1%	1	0.7%	1	2.3%
GEORGIA	2	1.1%	2	1.4%	0	0.0%
HAWAII	1	0.5%	1	0.7%	0	0.0%
IDAHO	1	0.5%	1	0.7%	0	0.0%
ILLINOIS	5	2.7%	5	3.5%	0	0.0%
INDIANA	1	0.5%	1	0.7%	0	0.0%
IOWA	1	0.5%	1	0.7%	0	0.0%
KANSAS	3	1.6%	3	2.1%	0	0.0%
KENTUCKY	1	0.5%	1	0.7%	0	0.0%
LOUISIANA	5	2.7%	3	2.1%	2	4.7%
MARYLAND	2	1.1%	1	0.7%	1	2.3%
MASSACHUSETTS	1	0.5%	1	0.7%	0	0.0%
MICHIGAN	4	2.2%	3	2.1%	1	2.3%
MINNESOTA	1	0.5%	1	0.7%	0	0.0%
MISSOURI	5	2.7%	3	2.1%	2	4.7%
MONTANA	1	0.5%	1	0.7%	0	0.0%
NEBRASKA	3	1.6%	1	0.7%	2	4.7%
NEVADA	27	14.7%	22	15.6%	5	11.6%
NEW YORK	6	3.3%	5	3.5%	1	2.3%
NORTH CAROLINA	1	0.5%	1	0.7%	0	0.0%
OHIO	4	2.2%	4	2.8%	0	0.0%
OKLAHOMA	3	1.6%	2	1.4%	1	2.3%
OREGON	9	4.9%	8	5.7%	1	2.3%
PENNSYLVANIA	3	1.6%	2	1.4%	1	2.3%
SOUTH DAKOTA	1	0.5%	1	0.7%	0	0.0%
TENNESSEE	6	3.3%	6	4.3%	0	0.0%
TEXAS	14	7.6%	11	7.8%	3	7.0%
UTAH	8	4.3%	3	2.1%	5	11.6%
VIRGINIA	5	2.7%	2	1.4%	3	7.0%
WASHINGTON	10	5.4%	9	6.4%	1	2.3%
WASHINGTON D.C.	1	0.5%	0	0.0%	1	2.3%
WISCONSIN	2	1.1%	2	1.4%	0	0.0%
WYOMING	1	0.5%	1	0.7%	0	0.0%
NOT IN UNITED STATES	<u>236</u>	<u>17.2%</u> <u>100.0%</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>6.1%</u> <u>100.0%</u>	<u>182</u>	<u>37.1%</u> <u>100.0%</u>
AFRICA	8	3.4%	2	3.7%	6	3.3%
AMERICAN SAMOA	1	0.4%	1	1.9%	0	0.0%
AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND	1	0.4%	1	1.9%	0	0.0%
CANADA	4	1.7%	2	3.7%	2	1.1%
CENTRAL AMERICA	6	2.5%	3	5.6%	3	1.6%
CHINA/NEPAL/TAIWAN	30	12.7%	8	14.8%	22	12.1%
EASTERN EUROPE	2	0.8%	0	0.0%	2	1.1%
INDIA/SRI LANKA	8	3.4%	1	1.9%	7	3.8%
KOREA	35	14.8%	8	14.8%	27	14.8%
MEXICO	48	20.3%	11	20.4%	37	20.3%
MIDDLE EAST	7	3.0%	1	1.9%	6	3.3%
PACIFIC ISLANDS	4	1.7%	0	0.0%	4	2.2%
PAKISTAN/BANGLADESH	2	0.8%	0	0.0%	2	1.1%
PHILIPPINES	18	7.6%	2	3.7%	16	8.8%
SOUTH AMERICA	14	5.9%	1	1.9%	13	7.1%
SOUTHEAST ASIA	29	12.3%	4	7.4%	25	13.7%
SOVIET UNION	9	3.8%	8	14.8%	1	0.5%
WEST INDIES/CARIBBEAN	1	0.4%	0	0.0%	1	0.5%
WESTERN EUROPE	9	3.8%	1	1.9%	8	4.4%
UNKNOWN	30	2.2%	21	2.4%	9	1.8%

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TABLE 23
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT OF BIRTH MOTHER
FISCAL YEAR 2000-01

EDUCATION	TOTAL CASES		CHILD PLACED WITH			
			NON-RELATIVE		RELATIVE	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL	<u>1,376</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>886</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>490</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
EDUCATION UNKNOWN	188	13.7%	70	7.9%	118	24.1%
EDUCATION KNOWN	<u>1,188</u>	<u>86.3%</u> <u>100.0%</u>	<u>816</u>	<u>92.1%</u> <u>100.0%</u>	<u>372</u>	<u>75.9%</u> <u>100.0%</u>
EIGHTH GRADE AND UNDER	93	7.8%	48	5.9%	45	12.1%
SOME HIGH SCHOOL	286	24.1%	199	24.4%	87	23.4%
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE	439	37.0%	301	36.9%	138	37.1%
SOME COLLEGE/TRADE SCHOOL	192	16.2%	134	16.4%	58	15.6%
FOUR YEAR COLLEGE GRADUATE	102	8.6%	71	8.7%	31	8.3%
POST-GRADUATE DEGREE	76	6.4%	63	7.7%	13	3.5%

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TABLE 24
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT OF LEGAL/BIRTH FATHER
FISCAL YEAR 2000-01

EDUCATION	TOTAL CASES		CHILD PLACED WITH			
			NON-RELATIVE		RELATIVE	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL	<u>1,376</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>886</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>490</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
EDUCATION UNKNOWN	671	48.8%	453	51.1%	218	44.5%
EDUCATION KNOWN	<u>705</u>	<u>51.2%</u> <u>100.0%</u>	<u>433</u>	<u>48.9%</u> <u>100.0%</u>	<u>272</u>	<u>55.5%</u> <u>100.0%</u>
EIGHTH GRADE AND UNDER	45	6.4%	15	3.5%	30	11.0%
SOME HIGH SCHOOL	170	24.1%	109	25.2%	61	22.4%
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE	263	37.3%	162	37.4%	101	37.1%
SOME COLLEGE/TRADE SCHOOL	97	13.8%	64	14.8%	33	12.1%
FOUR YEAR COLLEGE GRADUATE	83	11.8%	55	12.7%	28	10.3%
POST-GRADUATE DEGREE	47	6.7%	28	6.5%	19	7.0%

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TABLE 25
HEALTH CONDITIONS OF CHILD AT TIME OF COURT REPORT
FISCAL YEAR 2000-01

HEALTH CONDITIONS	TOTAL CASES		CHILD PLACED WITH			
			NON-RELATIVE		RELATIVE	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL	<u>1,376</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>886</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>490</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
CHILDREN WITHOUT HEALTH CONDITIONS	1,050	76.3%	672	75.8%	378	77.1%
CHILDREN WITH HEALTH CONDITIONS	326	23.7%	214	24.2%	112	22.9%
INCIDENCE OF HEALTH CONDITIONS ^{1/}	<u>492</u>		<u>298</u>		<u>194</u>	
ADVERSE PARENTAL BACKGROUND	309	94.8%	203	94.9%	106	94.6%
MEDICAL CONDITION	39	12.0%	25	11.7%	14	12.5%
DEVELOPMENTAL DELAY	39	12.0%	22	10.3%	17	15.2%
LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENTAL DELAY	28	8.6%	16	7.5%	12	10.7%
BEHAVIORIAL PROBLEMS	21	6.4%	9	4.2%	12	10.7%
ATTENTION DEFICIT DISORDER	20	6.1%	4	1.9%	16	14.3%
PHYSICAL DISABILITY	16	4.9%	10	4.7%	6	5.4%
EMOTIONAL PROBLEMS	11	3.4%	5	2.3%	6	5.4%
VISUAL OR HEARING IMPAIRMENT	5	1.5%	2	0.9%	3	2.7%
MENTAL RETARDATION	4	1.2%	2	0.9%	2	1.8%

1/ A SINGLE CASE MAY HAVE MORE THAN ONE OF THE LISTED CONDITIONS; THUS, THE SUM OF INCIDENCES EXCEEDS THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES.
THE CORRESPONDING PERCENTAGES ARE CALCULATED TO THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES WITH HEALTH CONDITIONS.

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TABLE 26
ADOPTIVE MOTHER'S RELATIONSHIP TO CHILD

FISCAL YEAR 2000-01

RELATIONSHIP	TOTAL CASES		CHILD PLACED WITH			
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NON-RELATIVE		RELATIVE	
			NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL	<u>1,376</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>886</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>490</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
NO ADOPTIVE MOTHER	70	5.1%	46	5.2%	24	4.9%
ADOPTIVE MOTHER NOT RELATED	840	61.0%	840	94.8%	N/A	N/A
ADOPTIVE MOTHER RELATED	<u>466</u>	<u>33.9%</u> <u>100.0%</u>			<u>466</u>	<u>95.1%</u> <u>100.0%</u>
GRANDPARENT ^{1/}	170	36.5%	N/A	N/A	170	36.5%
AUNT ^{2/}	224	48.1%	N/A	N/A	224	48.1%
COUSIN	23	4.9%	N/A	N/A	23	4.9%
SIBLING	18	3.9%	N/A	N/A	18	3.9%
BIRTH PARENT	2	0.4%	N/A	N/A	2	0.4%
OTHER RELATIONSHIPS ^{3/}	29	6.2%	N/A	N/A	29	6.2%

1/ INCLUDES GREAT GRANDPARENT(S)

2/ INCLUDES GREAT AUNT(S)

3/ INCLUDES DISTANT RELATIVES AND STEP-PARENTS

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TABLE 27
ADOPTIVE FATHER'S RELATIONSHIP TO CHILD
FISCAL YEAR 2000-01

RELATIONSHIP	TOTAL CASES		CHILD PLACED WITH			
			NON-RELATIVE		RELATIVE	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL	<u>1,376</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>886</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>490</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
NO ADOPTIVE FATHER	305	22.2%	217	24.5%	88	18.0%
ADOPTIVE FATHER NOT RELATED	669	48.6%	669	75.5%	N/A	N/A
ADOPTIVE FATHER RELATED	<u>402</u>	29.2% <u>100.0%</u>			<u>402</u>	82.0% <u>100.0%</u>
GRANDPARENT ^{1/}	142	35.3%	N/A	N/A	142	35.3%
UNCLE ^{2/}	184	45.8%	N/A	N/A	184	45.8%
COUSIN	13	3.2%	N/A	N/A	13	3.2%
SIBLING	11	2.7%	N/A	N/A	11	2.7%
BIRTH PARENT	2	0.5%	N/A	N/A	2	0.5%
OTHER RELATIONSHIPS ^{3/}	50	12.4%	N/A	N/A	50	12.4%

1/ INCLUDES GREAT GRANDPARENT(S)

2/ INCLUDES GREAT UNCLE(S)

3/ INCLUDES DISTANT RELATIVES AND STEP-PARENTS

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TABLE 28
AGE OF ADOPTIVE MOTHER AT TIME OF COURT REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2000-01

AGE	TOTAL CASES		CHILD PLACED WITH			
			NON-RELATIVE		RELATIVE	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL	<u>1,376</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>886</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>490</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
NO ADOPTIVE MOTHER	70	5.1%	46	5.2%	24	4.9%
AGE OF ADOPTIVE MOTHER	<u>1,306</u>	<u>94.9%</u> <u>100.0%</u>	<u>840</u>	<u>94.8%</u> <u>100.0%</u>	<u>466</u>	<u>95.1%</u> <u>100.0%</u>
20 YEARS OR UNDER	5	0.4%	0	0.0%	5	1.1%
21 - 25 YEARS	11	0.8%	6	0.7%	5	1.1%
26 - 30 YEARS	72	5.5%	48	5.7%	24	5.2%
31 - 35 YEARS	193	14.8%	147	17.5%	46	9.9%
36 - 40 YEARS	316	24.2%	241	28.7%	75	16.1%
41 - 45 YEARS	322	24.7%	238	28.3%	84	18.0%
46 - 50 YEARS	169	12.9%	108	12.9%	61	13.1%
51 -55 YEARS	110	8.4%	33	3.9%	77	16.5%
56 - 60 YEARS	60	4.6%	14	1.7%	46	9.9%
61 - 65 YEARS	36	2.8%	4	0.5%	32	6.9%
66 YEARS OR OLDER	12	0.9%	1	0.1%	11	2.4%
MEDIAN AGE	42 YEARS		40 YEARS		45 YEARS	

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TABLE 29
AGE OF ADOPTIVE FATHER AT TIME OF COURT REPORT
FISCAL YEAR 2000-01

AGE	TOTAL CASES		CHILD PLACED WITH			
			NON-RELATIVE		RELATIVE	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL	<u>1,376</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>886</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>490</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
NO ADOPTIVE FATHER	305	22.2%	217	24.5%	88	18.0%
AGE OF ADOPTIVE FATHER	<u>1,071</u>	<u>77.8%</u> <u>100.0%</u>	<u>669</u>	<u>75.5%</u> <u>100.0%</u>	<u>402</u>	<u>82.0%</u> <u>100.0%</u>
21 - 25 YEARS	5	0.5%	1	0.1%	4	1.0%
26 - 30 YEARS	58	5.4%	34	5.1%	24	6.0%
31 - 35 YEARS	150	14.0%	116	17.3%	34	8.5%
36 - 40 YEARS	237	22.1%	172	25.7%	65	16.2%
41 - 45 YEARS	229	21.4%	178	26.6%	51	12.7%
46 - 50 YEARS	163	15.2%	104	15.5%	59	14.7%
51 -55 YEARS	79	7.4%	33	4.9%	46	11.4%
56 - 60 YEARS	62	5.8%	19	2.8%	43	10.7%
61 - 65 YEARS	52	4.9%	8	1.2%	44	10.9%
66 YEARS OR OLDER	36	3.4%	4	0.6%	32	8.0%
MEDIAN AGE	43 YEARS		41 YEARS		48 YEARS	

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TABLE 30
RACE OF ADOPTIVE PARENT(S)
FISCAL YEAR 2000-01

RACE	TOTAL CASES			CHILD PLACED WITH					
				NON-RELATIVE			RELATIVE		
	NUMBER	PERCENT		NUMBER	PERCENT		NUMBER	PERCENT	
TOTAL	<u>1,376</u>	<u>100.0%</u>		<u>886</u>	<u>100.0%</u>		<u>490</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	
TWO PARENTS	<u>1,001</u>	<u>72.7%</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>623</u>	<u>70.3%</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>378</u>	<u>77.1%</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
WHITE	810		80.9%	558		89.6%	252		66.7%
BLACK	25		2.5%	11		1.8%	14		3.7%
BLACK-WHITE	16		1.6%	13		2.1%	3		0.8%
BLACK-ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER	1		0.1%	0		0.0%	1		0.3%
BLACK-FILIPINO	1		0.1%	1		0.2%	0		0.0%
ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER	87		8.7%	14		2.2%	73		19.3%
ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER-WHITE	28		2.8%	12		1.9%	16		4.2%
FILIPINO	14		1.4%	3		0.5%	11		2.9%
FILIPINO-WHITE	10		1.0%	6		1.0%	4		1.1%
FILIPINO-ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER	1		0.1%	0		0.0%	1		0.3%
AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKAN INDIAN-WHITE	7		0.7%	4		0.6%	3		0.8%
AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKAN INDIAN-BLACK	1		0.1%	1		0.2%	0		0.0%
SINGLE PARENT	<u>375</u>	<u>27.3%</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>263</u>	<u>29.7%</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>112</u>	<u>22.9%</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
WHITE	313		83.5%	243		92.4%	70		62.5%
BLACK	19		5.1%	6		2.3%	13		11.6%
ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER	29		7.7%	8		3.0%	21		18.8%
FILIPINO	12		3.2%	4		1.5%	8		7.1%
AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKAN INDIAN	2		0.5%	2		0.8%	0		0.0%

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TABLE 30A
RACE OF ADOPTIVE PARENT(S) WITH HISPANIC ORIGIN
FISCAL YEAR 2000-01

RACE	TOTAL CASES			CHILD PLACED WITH					
				NON-RELATIVE			RELATIVE		
	NUMBER	PERCENT		NUMBER	PERCENT		NUMBER	PERCENT	
TOTAL	<u>1,376</u>	<u>100.0%</u>		<u>886</u>	<u>100.0%</u>		<u>490</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	
ADOPTIVE PARENT(S) NOT OF HISPANIC ORIGIN	<u>1,116</u>	81.1%	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>761</u>	85.9%	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>355</u>	72.4%	<u>100.0%</u>
TWO PARENTS	789		70.7%	516		67.8%	273		76.9%
SINGLE PARENT	327		29.3%	245		32.2%	82		23.1%
ADOPTIVE PARENT(S) OF HISPANIC ORIGIN	<u>260</u>	18.9%	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>125</u>	14.1%	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>135</u>	27.6%	<u>100.0%</u>
TWO PARENTS	<u>212</u>		81.5%	<u>107</u>		85.6%	<u>105</u>		77.8%
HISPANIC-WHITE	205		96.7%	105		98.1%	100		95.2%
HISPANIC-ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER	2		0.9%	0		0.0%	2		1.9%
HISPANIC-FILIPINO	2		0.9%	1		0.9%	1		1.0%
HISPANIC-AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKAN INDIAN	3		1.4%	1		0.9%	2		1.9%
SINGLE PARENT	<u>48</u>		18.5%	<u>18</u>		14.4%	<u>30</u>		22.2%
HISPANIC-WHITE	46		95.8%	16		88.9%	30		100.0%
HISPANIC-BLACK	1		2.1%	1		5.6%	0		0.0%
HISPANIC-FILIPINO	1		2.1%	1		5.6%	0		0.0%

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TABLE 31

ETHNIC ORIGIN OF CHILD BY ETHNIC ORIGIN OF ADOPTIVE PARENT(S)

STATE FISCAL YEAR 2000-01

				CHILDREN - ONE RACE								ETHNIC ORIGIN OF CHILDREN												CHILDREN - TWO OR MORE RACES							
		TOTAL NUMBER CHILDREN	TOTAL NUMBER CHILDREN - ONE RACE	WHITE - NOT HISPANIC	WHITE - HISPANIC	BLACK	ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER	FILIPINO	AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKAN INDIAN	TOTAL NUMBER CHILDREN - TWO RACES	HISPANIC-WHITE	HISPANIC-BLACK	HISPANIC-ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER	HISPANIC-FILIPINO	HISPANIC-AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKAN INDIAN	BLACK-WHITE	BLACK-ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER	ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER-WHITE	FILIPINO-WHITE	FILIPINO-ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER	AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKAN INDIAN-WHITE	TOTAL NUMBER CHILDREN - THREE RACES OR UNKNOWN									
ETHNIC ORIGIN OF ADOPTIVE PARENT(S)																															
TOTALS	- NUM	1,376	1,163	685	246	60	143	27	2	209	113	10	9	2	1	37	1	17	7	3	9	4									
	- PCT	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%									
ONE RACE	- NUM	1,224	1,063	661	203	52	123	23	1	158	88	8	8	1	1	27	-	13	6	2	4	3									
	- PCT	88.95%	91.40%	96.50%	82.52%	86.67%	86.01%	85.19%	50.00%	75.60%	77.88%	80.00%	88.89%	50.00%	100.00%	72.97%	0.00%	76.47%	85.71%	66.67%	44.44%	75.00%									
WHITE	- NUM	872	747	651	62	14	16	3	1	122	71	6	4	1		22		10	4		4	3									
	- PCT	63.37%	64.23%	95.04%	25.20%	23.33%	11.19%	11.11%	50.00%	58.37%	62.83%	60.00%	44.44%	50.00%	0.00%	59.46%	0.00%	58.82%	57.14%	0.00%	44.44%	75.00%									
HISPANIC	- NUM	167	146	6	140					21	17	1	1		1	1															
	- PCT	12.14%	12.55%	0.88%	56.91%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	10.05%	15.04%	10.00%	11.11%	0.00%	100.00%	2.70%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%									
BLACK	- NUM	43	38		38					5		1				4															
	- PCT	3.13%	3.27%	0.00%	0.00%	63.33%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	2.39%	0.00%	10.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	10.81%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%									
ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER	- NUM	116	109	2			107			7			3					3	1												
	- PCT	8.43%	9.37%	0.29%	0.00%	0.00%	74.83%	0.00%	0.00%	3.35%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	17.65%	14.29%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%									
FILIPINO	- NUM	24	21		1			20		3									1	2											
	- PCT	1.74%	1.81%	0.00%	0.41%	0.00%	0.00%	74.07%	0.00%	1.44%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	66.67%	0.00%	0.00%									
AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKAN INDIAN	- NUM	2	2	2						0																					
	- PCT	0.15%	0.17%	0.29%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%									
TWO RACES	- NUM	152	100	24	43	8	20	4	1	51	25	2	1	1	0	10	1	4	1	1	5	1									
	- PCT	11.05%	8.60%	3.50%	17.48%	13.33%	13.99%	14.81%	50.00%	24.40%	22.12%	20.00%	11.11%	50.00%	0.00%	27.03%	100.0%	23.53%	14.29%	33.33%	55.56%	25.00%									
HISPANIC-WHITE	- NUM	84	59	20	38	1				25	20					1		2		1	1										
	- PCT	6.10%	5.07%	2.92%	15.45%	1.67%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	11.96%	17.70%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	2.70%	0.00%	11.76%	0.00%	33.33%	11.11%	0.00%									
HISPANIC-BLACK	- NUM	1	1		1					0																					
	- PCT	0.07%	0.09%	0.00%	0.41%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%									
HISPANIC-ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER	- NUM	2	2				2			0																					
	- PCT	0.15%	0.17%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	1.40%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%									
HISPANIC-FILIPINO	- NUM	3	1		1					2		1							1												
	- PCT	0.22%	0.09%	0.00%	0.41%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.96%	0.00%	10.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%									
HISPANIC-AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKAN INDIAN	- NUM	1	-							1											1										
	- PCT	0.07%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.48%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	0.00%									
BLACK-WHITE	- NUM	16	5			5				11		1				9					1										
	- PCT	1.16%	0.43%	0.00%	0.00%	8.33%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	5.26%	0.00%	10.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	24.32%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	0.00%	0.00%									
BLACK-ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER	- NUM	1	-							0												1									
	- PCT	0.07%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%									
BLACK-FILIPINO	- NUM	1	1			1				0																					
	- PCT	0.07%	0.09%	0.00%	0.00%	1.67%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%									
BLACK-AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKAN INDIAN	- NUM	1	0							1							1														
	- PCT	0.07%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.48%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%									
ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER-WHITE	- NUM	26	22	2	2	1	17			4	1		1					2													
	- PCT	1.89%	1.89%	0.29%	0.81%	1.67%	11.89%	0.00%	0.00%	1.91%	0.88%	0.00%	11.11%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	11.76%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%									
FILIPINO-WHITE	- NUM	9	6	1				4		3	2			1																	
	- PCT	0.65%	0.52%	0.15%	0.41%	0.00%	0.00%	14.81%	0.00%	1.44%	1.77%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%									
FILIPINO-ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER	- NUM	1	1				1			0																					
	- PCT	0.07%	0.09%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.70%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%									
AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKAN INDIAN-WHITE	- NUM	6	2	1					1	4	2										2										
	- PCT	0.44%	0.17%	0.15%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	1.91%	1.77%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	22.22%	0.00%									

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TABLE 32
ADOPTIVE FAMILY STRUCTURE
FISCAL YEAR 2000-01

FAMILY STRUCTURE	TOTAL CASES		CHILD PLACED WITH			
			NON-RELATIVE		RELATIVE	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL	<u>1,376</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>886</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>490</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
TWO PARENTS	1,001	72.7%	623	70.3%	378	77.1%
SINGLE MOTHER	305	22.2%	217	24.5%	88	18.0%
SINGLE FATHER	70	5.1%	46	5.2%	24	4.9%

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TABLE 33
MARITAL STATUS OF ADOPTIVE MOTHER AT TIME OF COURT REPORT
FISCAL YEAR 2000-01

FAMILY STRUCTURE	TOTAL CASES			CHILD PLACED WITH					
				NON-RELATIVE			RELATIVE		
	NUMBER	PERCENT	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	PERCENT
TOTAL	1,376	100.0%		886	100.0%		490	100.0%	
NO ADOPTIVE MOTHER	70	5.1%		46	5.2%		24	4.9%	
ADOPTIVE MOTHER	1,306	94.9%	100.0%	840	94.8%	100.0%	466	95.1%	100.0%
MARRIED	1,004		76.9%	624		74.3%	380		81.5%
NOT MARRIED	298		22.8%	213		25.4%	85		18.2%
SEPARATED	4		0.3%	3		0.4%	1		0.2%

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TABLE 34
MARITAL STATUS OF ADOPTIVE FATHER AT TIME OF COURT REPORT
FISCAL YEAR 2000-01

FAMILY STRUCTURE	TOTAL CASES			CHILD PLACED WITH					
				NON-RELATIVE			RELATIVE		
	NUMBER	PERCENT	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	PERCENT
TOTAL	<u>1,376</u>	<u>100.0%</u>		<u>886</u>	<u>100.0%</u>		<u>490</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	
NO ADOPTIVE FATHER	305	22.2%		217	24.5%		88	18.0%	
ADOPTIVE FATHER	<u>1,071</u>	77.8%	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>669</u>	75.5%	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>402</u>	82.0%	<u>100.0%</u>
MARRIED	983		91.8%	608		90.9%	375		93.3%
NOT MARRIED	83		7.7%	60		9.0%	23		5.7%
SEPARATED	5		0.5%	1		0.1%	4		1.0%

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TABLE 35
RELATIONSHIP OF OTHER MINOR CHILDREN IN ADOPTIVE FAMILY
FISCAL YEAR 2000-01

RELATIONSHIP	TOTAL CASES		CHILD PLACED WITH			
			NON-RELATIVE		RELATIVE	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL	<u>1,376</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>886</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>490</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
NO OTHER CHILDREN	709	51.5%	492	55.5%	217	44.3%
OTHER CHILDREN PRESENT	<u>667</u>	48.5%	<u>394</u>	44.5%	<u>273</u>	55.7%
<u>INCIDENCE OF OTHER CHILDREN*</u>						
BIOLOGICAL CHILDREN	559	83.8%	236	59.9%	323	118.3%
PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED	254	38.1%	224	56.9%	30	11.0%
BIRTH SIBLINGS BEING ADOPTED	247	37.0%	77	19.5%	170	62.3%
NON-SIBLINGS BEING ADOPTED	42	6.3%	28	7.1%	14	5.1%
GUARDIANSHIP	27	4.0%	12	3.0%	15	5.5%
FOSTER CHILDREN	13	1.9%	10	2.5%	3	1.1%
OTHER CHILDREN	40	6.0%	14	3.6%	26	9.5%

* A SINGLE CASE MAY HAVE MORE THAN ONE OF THE LISTED RELATIONSHIPS; THUS, THE SUM OF THE INCIDENTS EXCEEDS THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES. THE CORRESPONDING PERCENTAGES ARE CALCULATED TO THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES WITH OTHER CHILDREN.

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TABLE 36
DEPENDENCY STATUS OF CHILD
FISCAL YEAR 2000-01

DEPENDENCY STATUS	TOTAL CASES		CHILD PLACED WITH			
			NON-RELATIVE		RELATIVE	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL	<u>1,376</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>886</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>490</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
NOT DEPENDENT OF THE COURT	1,373	99.8%	886	100.0%	487	99.4%
DEPENDENT OF THE COURT	3	0.2%	0	0.0%	3	0.6%

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TABLE 37
GROSS ANNUAL INCOME OF ADOPTIVE PARENT(S)
FISCAL YEAR 2000-01

GROSS ANNUAL INCOME	TOTAL CASES		CHILD PLACED WITH			
			NON-RELATIVE		RELATIVE	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL	<u>1,376</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>886</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>490</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
LESS THAN \$10,000	29	2.1%	14	1.6%	15	3.1%
\$10,000 - \$19,999	70	5.1%	23	2.6%	47	9.6%
\$20,000 - \$29,999	94	6.8%	31	3.5%	63	12.9%
\$30,000 - \$39,999	126	9.2%	63	7.1%	63	12.9%
\$40,000 - \$49,999	128	9.3%	80	9.0%	48	9.8%
\$50,000 - \$59,999	135	9.8%	86	9.7%	49	10.0%
\$60,000 - \$69,999	121	8.8%	84	9.5%	37	7.6%
\$70,000 - \$79,999	108	7.8%	66	7.4%	42	8.6%
\$80,000 - \$89,999	103	7.5%	67	7.6%	36	7.3%
\$90,000 - \$99,999	70	5.1%	55	6.2%	15	3.1%
\$100,000 - \$124,999	145	10.5%	105	11.9%	40	8.2%
\$125,000 - \$149,999	67	4.9%	56	6.3%	11	2.2%
\$150,000 - \$199,999	73	5.3%	63	7.1%	10	2.0%
\$200,000+	107	7.8%	93	10.5%	14	2.9%
MEDIAN AMOUNT	\$69,000		\$79,000		\$50,000	

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TABLE 38
BIRTH MOTHER'S OR CHILD'S EXPENSES COVERED BY ADOPTIVE PARENT(S)
FISCAL YEAR 2000-01

AMOUNT	TOTAL CASES		CHILD PLACED WITH			
			NON-RELATIVE		RELATIVE	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL	<u>1,376</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>886</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>490</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
EXPENSES NOT COVERED BY ADOPTIVE PARENT(S)	622	45.2%	205	23.1%	417	85.1%
EXPENSES COVERED BY ADOPTIVE PARENT(S)	<u>754</u>	<u>54.8%</u> <u>100.0%</u>	<u>681</u>	<u>76.9%</u> <u>100.0%</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>14.9%</u> <u>100.0%</u>
LESS THAN \$1,000	348	46.2%	306	44.9%	42	57.5%
\$1,000 - \$1,999	93	12.3%	78	11.5%	15	20.5%
\$2,000 - \$2,999	70	9.3%	64	9.4%	6	8.2%
\$3,000 - \$3,999	46	6.1%	43	6.3%	3	4.1%
\$4,000 - \$4,999	36	4.8%	33	4.8%	3	4.1%
\$5,000 - \$5,999	38	5.0%	37	5.4%	1	1.4%
\$6,000 - \$6,999	27	3.6%	27	4.0%	0	0.0%
\$7,000 - \$7,999	16	2.1%	16	2.3%	0	0.0%
\$8,000 - \$8,900	15	2.0%	15	2.2%	0	0.0%
\$9,000 - \$9,999	14	1.9%	14	2.1%	0	0.0%
\$10,000 - \$14,999	25	3.3%	24	3.5%	1	1.4%
\$15,000 - \$19,999	14	1.9%	14	2.1%	0	0.0%
\$20,000+	12	1.6%	10	1.5%	2	2.7%
MEDIAN AMOUNT*	\$1,000		\$1,200		\$500	

* CALCULATED ONLY FOR CASES WHERE EXPENSES WERE COVERED BY ADOPTIVE PARENT(S).

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TABLE 39
MEETINGS BETWEEN BIRTH PARENT(S) AND ADOPTIVE PARENT(S)
FISCAL YEAR 2000-01

MEETINGS	TOTAL CASES			CHILD PLACED WITH					
				NON-RELATIVE			RELATIVE		
	NUMBER	PERCENT		NUMBER	PERCENT		NUMBER	PERCENT	
TOTAL	<u>1,376</u>	<u>100.0%</u>		<u>886</u>	<u>100.0%</u>		<u>490</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	
DID NOT MEET BIRTH PARENT(S)	38	2.8%		34	3.8%		4	0.8%	
MET WITH BOTH BIRTH PARENT(S)	<u>615</u>	44.7%	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>245</u>	27.7%	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>370</u>	75.5%	<u>100.0%</u>
BEFORE PLACEMENT	578	94.0%		223	91.0%		355	95.9%	
AFTER PLACEMENT	16	2.6%		9	3.7%		7	1.9%	
ONE BEFORE, ONE AFTER PLACEMENT	21	3.4%		13	5.3%		8	2.2%	
MET WITH ONE BIRTH PARENT ONLY	<u>712</u>	51.7%	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>599</u>	67.6%	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>113</u>	23.1%	<u>100.0%</u>
BIRTH MOTHER ONLY	<u>695</u>	97.6%		<u>584</u>	97.5%		<u>111</u>	98.2%	
BEFORE PLACEMENT	663	95.4%		556	95.2%		107	96.4%	
AFTER PLACEMENT	32	4.6%		28	4.8%		4	3.6%	
BIRTH FATHER ONLY	<u>17</u>	2.4%	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>15</u>	2.5%	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>2</u>	1.8%	<u>100.0%</u>
BEFORE PLACEMENT	13	76.5%		12	80.0%		1	50.0%	
AFTER PLACEMENT	4	23.5%		3	20.0%		1	50.0%	
UNKNOWN	11	0.8%		8	0.9%		3	0.6%	

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TABLE 40
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT OF ADOPTIVE MOTHER
FISCAL YEAR 2000-01

EDUCATION	TOTAL CASES		CHILD PLACED WITH			
			NON-RELATIVE		RELATIVE	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL	<u>1,376</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>886</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>490</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
NO ADOPTIVE MOTHER	70	5.1%	46	5.2%	24	4.9%
ADOPTIVE MOTHER	<u>1,306</u>	<u>94.9%</u> <u>100.0%</u>	<u>840</u>	<u>94.8%</u> <u>100.0%</u>	<u>466</u>	<u>95.1%</u> <u>100.0%</u>
EIGHTH GRADE AND UNDER	57	4.4%	13	1.5%	44	9.4%
SOME HIGH SCHOOL	68	5.2%	21	2.5%	47	10.1%
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE	276	21.1%	138	16.4%	138	29.6%
SOME COLLEGE/TRADE SCHOOL	318	24.3%	197	23.5%	121	26.0%
COLLEGE GRADUATE	375	28.7%	290	34.5%	85	18.2%
POST GRADUATE DEGREE	212	16.2%	181	21.5%	31	6.7%

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TABLE 41
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT OF ADOPTIVE FATHER
FISCAL YEAR 2000-01

EDUCATION	TOTAL CASES		CHILD PLACED WITH			
			NON-RELATIVE		RELATIVE	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL	<u>1,376</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>886</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>490</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
NO ADOPTIVE FATHER	305	22.2%	217	24.5%	88	18.0%
ADOPTIVE FATHER	<u>1,071</u>	<u>77.8%</u> <u>100.0%</u>	<u>669</u>	<u>75.5%</u> <u>100.0%</u>	<u>402</u>	<u>82.0%</u> <u>100.0%</u>
EIGHTH GRADE AND UNDER	37	3.5%	10	1.5%	27	6.7%
SOME HIGH SCHOOL	45	4.2%	16	2.4%	29	7.2%
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE	242	22.6%	121	18.1%	121	30.1%
SOME COLLEGE/TRADE SCHOOL	259	24.2%	156	23.3%	103	25.6%
COLLEGE GRADUATE	313	29.2%	230	34.4%	83	20.6%
POST GRADUATE DEGREE	174	16.2%	136	20.3%	38	9.5%
UNKNOWN	1	0.1%	0	0.0%	1	0.2%

LICENSED PUBLIC ADOPTION AGENCIES SFY 2000-01

CDSS Adoption Program District Offices

During SFY 2000-01, CDSS provided Independent Adoption services to 55 counties through adoption program district offices located in Arcata, Chico, Fresno, Monterey Park, Oakland, Rohnert Park, and Sacramento.

The Arcata district office provides Independent Adoption services for Del Norte, Humboldt, and Trinity counties.

The Chico district office provides Independent Adoption services for Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Plumas, Sierra, Shasta, Siskiyou, and Tehama counties.

The Fresno district office provides Independent Adoption services for Fresno, Inyo, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Mono, San Benito, San Luis Obispo, and Tulare counties.

The Monterey Park district office provides Independent Adoption services for Imperial, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, Santa Barbara, and Ventura counties.

The Oakland district office provides Independent Adoptions services for Contra Costa, Marin, Monterey, San Francisco, San Joaquin, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Solano, and Stanislaus counties.

The Rohnert Park district office provides Independent Adoption services for Lake, Mendocino, Napa, and Sonoma counties.

The Sacramento district office provides Independent Adoption services for Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Tuolumne, Yolo, and Yuba counties.

County Adoption Agencies

The following three counties are licensed to perform Independent Adoptions:

Alameda
Los Angeles
San Diego

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

ADOPTION PETITION – A legal document by which the prospective adoptive parent(s) requests the court's permission to adopt a specific child.

ADOPTION PLACEMENT AGREEMENT – A type of consent to adoption.

ADOPTION SERVICE PROVIDER – An agency or individual Adoption Service Provider (ASP) as defined in Family Code Section 8502.

ALLEGED NATURAL FATHER – An identified or unidentified male who: (a) could be or claims to be the father of the child and (b) does not meet the definition of a presumed father.

CONSENT TO ADOPT – A legal document voluntarily signed by the birth parent(s) and identifying a specific person(s) to adopt his or her child.

DECREE OF ADOPTION – A court order that finalizes an adoption.

DENIAL – A statement signed by an alleged father in which he denies paternity of the child and gives up his right to further notice regarding the child's adoption.

DESIGNATED RELINQUISHMENT – A legal document which terminates parental rights and directs the CDSS or licensed public or private adoption agency to place the child with the person(s) whom the birth parent(s) has named as a prospective adoptive parent(s).

FAMILY CODE SECTION 7630 – Authorizes an action to determine the existence or nonexistence of the father and child relationship presumed under Family Code, Section 7611. (Family Code Section 7611 specifies conditions that must be met for a man to be a presumed father.)

FAMILY CODE SECTION 7660 – Requires notice to the natural father of the adoption proceeding to terminate parental rights if he has not relinquished for or consented to adoption, or had his rights previously terminated. If he does not file an appeal, or does not claim custodial rights, the court may terminate his parental rights. If an alleged natural father's identity cannot be determined, the court may terminate his parental rights.

FAMILY CODE SECTION 7666 – Specifies the process for providing notice of an adoption proceeding to the father of a child.

FAMILY CODE SECTION 7820 – Authorizes an action to have a minor declared free from parental custody. This action may be brought because the parent(s) has

abandoned, abused, or neglected the child; is unable to parent due to habitual use of drugs or alcohol; has a developmental disability or mental illness; or has a felony conviction as specified.

FAMILY CODE SECTION 8604 – Specifies certain limited circumstances in which an adoption may proceed with only the consent of a parent who has legal custody of the child.

FAMILY CODE SECTION 8802 – Specifies the process for filing a petition for adoption and the contents of the adoption petition and order of adoption.

FAMILY CODE SECTION 8807 – Describes the investigation of a proposed Independent Adoption, court report requirements, and process of filing the report with the court.

FAMILY CODE SECTION 8808 – Specifies the requirement to interview persons from whom consent to the adoption is required.

GUARDIANSHIP – The court appointment of a guardian for the person or estate of a child, or both, as deemed necessary.

INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT (ICWA) – The federal Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 as codified at Title 25 United States Code Section 1902.

PRESUMED FATHER – A man who has been determined to be the natural father of a child because he and the child's mother are married, or before the child's birth he and the child's mother have married or attempted to marry, or he receives the child into his home and openly holds out the child as his natural child.

RECOMMENDATION TO COURT – The adoption agency's findings and recommendation regarding the adoption petition. This recommendation is submitted in a final report to the court.

RELINQUISHMENT – A legal document by which a parent voluntarily gives up his or her rights to a child so that CDSS or the licensed public or private adoption agency may place the child for adoption.

WAIVER OF PATERNITY – A statement made by an alleged father in which he, without either admitting or denying paternity, gives up his right to further notice regarding the child's adoption.

WAIVER OF RIGHT TO REVOKE CONSENT – After signing a consent to the adoption, the birth parent(s) has 30 days to request the return of the child. The birth parent(s) may waive this 30-day period by signing a waiver to revoke the consent. This waiver becomes irrevocable.

Independent Adoption Program - Individual Case Report

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete this form when the final court report is prepared. For Approvals, answer items 1-5 and 8-37. For Conditional Approvals, answer items 1-6 and 8-37. For Dismissals and Denials, answer items 1-5, 7, and all other items for which information is available.

CASE IDENTIFICATION SECTION

A. CHILD'S NAME

C. INVESTIGATED BY:
CDSS ☐ 1
CO. AGENCY ☐ 2

D. AGENCY NAME CODE

PART I. GENERAL CASE INFORMATION

1. Date this petition filed.

MONTH DAY YEAR

2. Was the 180-day time limit met? (FC 8807) YES ☐ 1 NO ☐ 2

3. A. Was extension granted to 180-day limit? YES ☐ 1 NO ☐ 2
B. If YES, enter number of days extended
C. If YES, primary reason for extension: (Enter code)
Codes: 1 Indian child/Indian Child Welfare Act process
More time needed by:
2 Legal/birth parent(s) 4 Adopting parent(s)' attorney
3 Adopting parent(s) 5 Agency

4. Date final court report filed

MONTH DAY YEAR

5. Recommendation to court: (Enter code)
Codes: 1 Approval 3 Dismissal
2 Conditional approval 4 Denial

NOTE: COMPLETE ITEMS 6 & 7 PER INSTRUCTIONS ABOVE

6. Primary reason for conditional approval:
(Enter code)
Codes: 1 FC 7820 et seq. action pending
2 FC 7660 et seq. action pending
3 Other court action pending
4 Question validity of parental consent
5 Other (specify) CDSS

7. Primary reason for dismissal/denial: (Enter code)
Codes: 01 Petition filed in wrong county, will refile
02 Other technicality regarding petition
03 Child refused to consent
Birth Parent(s):
11 Refused consent, child reclaimed
12 Refused consent, child not reclaimed
13 Revoked placement agreement or consent, child reclaimed
14 Revoked placement agreement or consent, child not reclaimed
Adopting Parent(s):
21 Home not suitable
22 Withdrew, child returned
23 Withdrew, child not returned
10 Other (specify) CDSS

8. Items A and B are applicable to these birth parent types:
Codes: (P) Petitioner(s) (PF 2) Presumed Father 2
(BM) Birth Mother (AF1) Alleged Father 1
(PF 1) Presumed Father 1 (AF2) Alleged Father 2
A. Was 45-day time limit met? P BM PF1 PF2 AF1 AF2
(Enter code)
Codes: 1 Yes 2 No 0 N/A
(N/A when no such person, person out of state, or name/address unknown)
P BM PF1 PF2 AF1 AF2
B. If NO, reason: (Enter code)
Codes: 1 Agency not available
2 Name, address, phone not provided within 10 working days of filing petition
3 Unable to contact/locate
4 Parent did not keep appointments
5 Other (specify) CDSS

9. Action(s) to free this child. (Indicate type of action for each applicable person by entering code below.)

Action Codes

Court Actions

Voluntary Actions

02 Family Code 7820 et seq.	12 Independent Adoption Placement Agreement signed
03 Family Code 7660 et seq.	01 Consent to Adoption signed
04 Family Code 7666	07 Waiver of right to further notice signed
05 Family Code 7630 et seq.	08 Denial of paternity signed
06 Family Code 8604(c)	09 Birth parent(s) deceased
10 Out-of-state court action	11 Other actions

A. Mother

B. Presumed/legal father #1

C. Presumed/legal father #2

D. Alleged natural father #1

E. Alleged natural father #2

Return original copy of form to:

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
DATA SYSTEMS & SURVEY DESIGN BUREAU
M.S. 9-081
P.O. BOX 944243
SACRAMENTO, CA 94244-2430
FAX: (916) 657-1520

B. ADOPTING PARENT(S)' NAME

E. STATE CASE NUMBER (Include County Prefix) AD
Alpha Numeric

10. Key Placement Agreement and Consent to Adoption dates:
Complete 10A and 10C for birth parent(s) who signed an Independent Adoption Placement Agreement (Item 9 Code = 12).

Complete 10B and 10C for birth parent(s) who signed a Consent to Adoption (Item 9 Code = 01).

If more than one father signed a Placement Agreement or Consent, provide information about the father who is most probably the father.

A. For birth parent(s) signing Placement Agreement:

Birth Mother Birth Father
Date of advisement

MONTH DAY YEAR

MONTH DAY YEAR

Birth Mother Birth Father
Type of adoption service provider

Codes for Adoption Service Providers:

01 Licensed Private California Adoption Agency
02 Individual California LCSW
03 Adoption agency licensed or otherwise certified in another state
04 Clinical social worker licensed or certified in another state
05 Independent legal counsel for the birth parent(s) in California
06 Independent legal counsel for the birth parent(s) in another state

Date advised birth Birth Mother Birth Father
parent(s) signed
Placement Agreement ...

MONTH DAY YEAR

MONTH DAY YEAR

B. For birth parent(s) signing Consent to Adoption:

Date birth parent(s) signed Birth Mother Birth Father
Consent to Adoption

MONTH DAY YEAR

MONTH DAY YEAR

Was Consent signed Birth Mother Birth Father
in California? YES ☐ 1 NO ☐ 2 YES ☐ 1 NO ☐ 2

C. For birth parent(s) signing Placement Agreement or Consent to Adoption:

Date birth parent(s) revoked Placement Agreement/ Consent

MONTH DAY YEAR

MONTH DAY YEAR

Date birth parent(s) signed waiver of right to revoke Consent

MONTH DAY YEAR

MONTH DAY YEAR

Person/agency witnessing signing of waiver

Codes for Person/Agency Witnessing Signing of Waiver

In California:

11 CDSS Adoption District Office
12 Delegated County Adoption Agency
13 Judicial Officer of California Court

Outside California:

14 Public Adoption Agency in another state
15 Judicial Officer of Court in another state
Adoption Service Provider outside California:
03 Licensed Private Adoption Agency in another state
04 Clinical social worker licensed or certified in another state
06 Independent legal counsel for birth parent in another state

PART II. DATA ON CHILD

11. Sex..... Male ☐ 1 Female ☐ 2
MONTH DAY YEAR

12. Birthdate.....

13. Date this child began living with adopting family:

14. A. Was this child previously placed for adoption with another family? YES ☐ 1 NO ☐ 2

B. If YES, was adoption completed? YES ☐ 1 NO ☐ 2

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15. Indicate which, if any, of the following conditions this child has:

Mental retardation

Visual or hearing impairment.....

Physical disability

Emotional disturbance.....

Medical condition.....

Behavioral problems.....

Developmental delay.....

Language developmental delay

Attention deficit disorder (ADD/ADHD).....

Adverse parental background

Mentally ill birth parent(s).....

Drug exposed during pregnancy

Other adverse parental background

No problems identified.....

01

02

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16. A. Was this child subject to the Indian Child Welfare Act?.....

YES

1

NO

2

B. If YES, name of tribe:

CDSS

17. Was this child a dependent of the court when referred to the adoption program?

YES

1

NO

2

PART III. DATA ON LEGAL/BIRTH PARENT(S)

18. Birthdate(s) of legal/birth parent(s):

MONTH

DAY

YEAR

UNK

A. Mother

B. Father.....

19. A. State/country of legal residence of legal/birth mother

CDSS

B. State/country of birth of this child

CDSS

20. Were birth parents married to each other at the time of this child's birth?

YES

1

NO

2

21. A. Did legal/birth parent(s) have help when choosing adoptive parent(s)?.....

YES

1

NO

2

B. If YES, principal person assisting: (Enter code)

Codes:

1 Relative

2 Friend/neighbor

3 Church/minister

4 Attorney

5 Physician/nurse

6 Public agency

7 Adoption center/clinic

8 Other (specify).....

CDSS

22. In your opinion, did an irregular placement occur?

YES

1

NO

2

23. Primary reason for placement: (Enter code)

Codes:

1 Single parent chose to place child

2 Birth parents separated, chose to place child

3 Birth parents living together, chose to place child

4 Presumed/legal father is not birth father

5 Readoption by birth parents

6 Parent(s) deceased

7 Parent(s) unable to parent

8 Abandoned

9 Other (specify)

CDSS

PART IV. DATA ON LEGAL/BIRTH PARENT(S) AND ADOPTING PARENT(S)

24. A. Race: (For each parent, enter code for race; for mixed parentage, enter code for primary race)

Birth Parent(s)

MOTHER

FATHER

Adopting Parent(s)

MOTHER

FATHER

Codes:

01 White

03 Black

04 Other Asian/ Pacific Islander

05 Filipino

06 Alaskan Native/ American Indian

07 Chinese

08 Cambodian

09 Japanese

10 Korean

11 Samoan

12 Asian/Indian

13 Hawaiian

14 Guamanian

15 Laotian

16 Vietnamese

17 Unknown

B. Is this person of Hispanic origin?.....

Codes:

1 Yes

2 No

25. Education: (For each parent, enter code of highest grade completed).....

Birth Parent(s)

MOTHER

FATHER

Adopting Parent(s)

MOTHER

FATHER

Codes:

1 8th grade and under

2 Some high school

3 High school graduate

4 Some college/trade school

5 Four-year college graduate

6 Post graduate degree

7 Unknown

PART V. DATA ON ADOPTING PARENT(S)

26. Is this child being adopted by only one adopting parent? (Enter code)

Codes:

1 No

2 Yes, father is sole adopting parent

3 Yes, mother is sole adopting parent

27. Marital status of adopting parent(s) at time of placement: (Enter code)

Codes:

1 Married

2 Not married

3 Separated

28. Is adopting parent(s) related to this child? (By blood, marriage, or through previous adoption) Enter code

Codes:

1 NO

2 Grandparent

3 Aunt/Uncle

4 Cousin

6 Sibling

7 Other (specify).....

8 Birth Parent

29. Birthdate(s) of adopting parent(s):

A. Mother

B. Father

30. Number of minor children in family of adopting parent(s):

A. This adoptive child

1

B. Other children being adopted:

01 Birth siblings.....

02 Non siblings of this child

Name(s)

State

Case #

C. Previously adopted (except stepparent).....

D. Biological children of either parent

E. Foster children.....

F. Guardianship cases.....

G. Other children.....

H. Total.....

31. Employment status of adopting parent(s) prior to adoptive placement of this child: (Enter code)

Codes:

1 Employed full time

2 Employed part-time (less than 25 hours/week)

3 Not employed

32. Annual gross income of adopting parent(s): (earned and unearned in whole dollars).....

Whole Dollars

33. A. Did adopting parent(s) meet face-to-face with:

(1) Legal/birth mother?

YES

1

NO

2

(2) Legal/birth father?

YES

1

NO

2

B. If YES, did they meet prior to placement?

(1) Legal/birth mother?

YES

1

NO

2

(2) Legal/birth father?

YES

1

NO

2

34. A. Did adopting parent(s) file a guardianship petition?

YES

1

NO

2

B. If YES, was guardianship granted?

YES

1

NO

2

35. Do adopting parent(s) and legal/birth parent(s) plan to have contact in the future?

YES

1

NO

2

Unknown

36. A. Did adopting parent(s) pay any expenses of birth parent(s) or child?.....

YES

1

NO

2

B. If YES, enter amount paid:

(1) Medical for mother/child

Whole Dollars

(2) Living expenses/other payments.....

Whole Dollars

(3) Adoption Service Provider and counseling..

Whole Dollars

(4) Attorney for birth parent.....

Whole Dollars

(5) Total

Whole Dollars

37. Agency fee for this child.....

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE
INDEPENDENT ADOPTION PROGRAM-INDIVIDUAL CASE REPORT
AD 42I (3/02)

CONTENT AND PURPOSE

An AD 42I shall be completed for each child for whom an Independent Adoption petition is submitted. This form is used to obtain characteristic data on birth parent(s), petitioner(s), adopted children, and selected aspects of public adoption agency actions.

DUE DATE AND SUBMITTAL INSTRUCTIONS

All public adoption agencies and California Department of Social Services (CDSS) staff responsible for Independent Adoption investigations shall complete an AD 42I for each subject of an Independent Adoption petition whenever a final report is prepared and submitted to the court, or no later than the 30th calendar day of the subsequent month. Copies of the AD 42I form can be obtained from the CDSS website at: <http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/research>.

Send the **completed original** AD 42I to:

California Department of Social Services
Data Systems & Survey Design Bureau
MS. 9-081
P.O. Box 944243
Sacramento, California 94244-2430
FAX (916) 657-1520

RETAIN A COPY OF THE AD 42I FOR YOUR RECORDS.

GENERAL INFORMATION

An AD 42I must be submitted for each child for whom an Independent Adoption petition is investigated. All applicable items on the form shall be completed as fully and accurately as possible. If more than one child is being adopted by the same petitioner(s), prepare a separate AD 42I for each child. If this child has been the subject of a previous adoption which was acted upon by the court, a new AD 42I must be prepared reflecting the current adoption action.

CASE IDENTIFICATION SECTION

- A Child’s Name:** Enter the full name of this child as it appears on the adoption petition and the original birth certificate (child’s name before adoption). If more than one child is being adopted by the petitioner(s), a separate AD 42I shall be completed for each child.
- B Adopting Parent(s)’ Name:** Enter the first name, middle initial, and last name of the adopting parent(s).
- C Investigated By:** Enter an “X” in the appropriate box to indicate whether the AD 42I is being submitted by a CDSS district office or a county agency.
- D Agency Name:** Enter the name and code designation of the reporting agency (county agency or CDSS district office).
- E State Case Number:** Enter the complete state number with the agency prefix (e.g., LACO 45.032).

PART I. GENERAL CASE INFORMATION

- Item 1** **Date this petition filed.** Enter the date (month, day, and year) on which the petition was filed in court as indicated on the petition or the “Notification of Pendency of Action” (AD 3).
- Item 2** **Was the 180-day time limit met? (Family Code Section 8807)** Enter an “X” in the appropriate box.
- Item 3A** **Was extension granted to 180-day limit?** Enter an “X” in the appropriate box.
- Item 3B** **If YES, enter number of days extended.** Enter number of days of extension.
- Item 3C** **If YES, primary reason for extension.** Enter the appropriate code in box.
- Item 4** **Date final court report filed.** Enter the month, day, and year.
- Item 5** **Recommendation to court.** Enter the appropriate code in box.
- Item 6** **Primary reason for conditional approval.** Complete only if Item 5 is coded “2”. Enter the appropriate code. (If the reason is “Other”, specify but leave the CDSS code box blank. CDSS will assign codes per program specifications.)
- Item 7** **Primary reason for dismissal/denial.** Complete only if Item 5 is coded “3” or “4”. Enter the appropriate code. (If the reason is “Other”, specify but leave the CDSS code box blank. CDSS will assign codes per program specifications.)

- Item 8A** **Was 45-day time limit met?** Enter the appropriate code for the petitioner(s) and for each possible parent. If the person does not exist (e.g., there is no second alleged father), enter “0”. If an interview within 45 days was not required, enter “0”.
- Item 8B** **If NO, reason.** Enter the appropriate code for those cases where Item 8A is coded “2”. (If the reason is “Other”, specify but leave the CDSS code box blank. CDSS will assign codes per program specifications.)
- Item 9** **Action(s) to free this child.** For each identified parent, enter the type of action under “code”.
- Item 10** **Key Placement Agreement and Consent to Adoption dates.** Complete Items 10A and 10C for birth parent(s) who signed an Independent Adoption Placement Agreement. Complete Items 10B and 10C for birth parent(s) who signed a Consent to Adoption. If more than one father signed a Placement Agreement or Consent, provide information about the person who is most probably the father.

Only complete those parts of Item 10C that apply to the parent. If the parent did not revoke the Placement Agreement or Consent, leave that date blank; if the parent did not waive his or her right to revoke Consent, leave that date and the identity of the person witnessing the signing of the waiver blank.

PART II. DATA ON CHILD

- Item 11** **Sex.** Enter an “X” in the appropriate box.
- Item 12** **Birthdate.** Enter the month, day, and year of this child’s birth.
- Item 13** **Date this child began living with adopting family.** Enter the date the child began living with the adopting parent(s). If the exact date is not known, as in the case in some relative adoptions, estimate the date.
- Item 14A** **Was this child previously placed for adoption with another family?** Enter an “X” in the appropriate box.
- Item 14B** **If YES, was adoption completed?** Enter an “X” in the appropriate box.
- Item 15** **Indicate which, if any, of the following conditions this child has: (Check all that apply)**

Enter an “X” in the appropriate boxes. If the child has none of the indicated conditions, enter an “X” in the last box (“No problems identified”).

“Mental retardation” means significantly subaverage general cognitive and motor functioning existing concurrently with deficits in adaptive behavior manifested during the developmental period that adversely affect a child’s/youth’s socialization and learning, as diagnosed by a qualified professional.

“Visual or hearing impairment” means having a visual impairment that may significantly affect educational performance or development; or a hearing impairment, whether permanent or fluctuating, that adversely affects educational performance, as diagnosed by a qualified professional.

“Physical disability” means a physical condition that adversely affects the child’s day-to-day motor functioning, such as cerebral palsy, spina bifida, multiple sclerosis, orthopedic impairments, and other physical disabilities, as diagnosed by a qualified professional.

“Emotional disturbance” means a condition exhibiting one or more of the following characteristics over a long period of time and to a marked degree: an inability to build or maintain satisfactory interpersonal relationships; inappropriate types of behavior or feelings under normal circumstances; a general pervasive mood of unhappiness or depression; or, a tendency to develop physical symptoms or fears associated with personal problems. The term includes persons who are schizophrenic or autistic. The term does not include persons who are socially maladjusted, unless it is determined that they are also seriously emotionally disturbed. This condition must be clinically diagnosed based on the most recent edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (e.g., DSM IV).

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“Medical condition” means any physiological condition not described in the above four conditions such as dependency on life support devices (e.g., respirators, dialysis machines) or conditions such as cancer, diabetes, heart disease, or genetic disorders.

“Behavioral problems” means behaviors that are abusive, aggressive, or disruptive in ways detrimental to life, comfort, and/or property of the child and/or others.

“Developmental delay” means that the child, while not developmentally disabled, is functioning below age level in a way that requires special education or other special treatment.

“Language developmental delay” means that the child’s development appears normal except for delayed speech development.

“Attention deficit disorder (ADD/ADHD)” means that the child has been diagnosed as having attention-deficit disorder or attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder by a qualified professional.

“Adverse parental background - Mentally ill birth parent” means that at least one of the child’s birth parents had a mental illness such as bipolar disorder or schizophrenia that may be hereditary.

“Adverse parental background - Drug exposed during pregnancy” means that the birth mother admitted to using drugs during pregnancy or tested positive for drugs during pregnancy or at the time of delivery or that the child tested positive for drugs at the time of birth. “Drugs” means controlled substances specified in Schedules I to V, inclusive, of Division 10 (commencing with Section 11000) of the Health and Safety Code.

“Adverse parental background - Other adverse parental background” means parental conditions or actions other than parental mental illness or prenatal drug exposure which are likely to lead to the development of health conditions in the child. Abuse and neglect of the child are included in this category.

“No problems identified” means that the child has none of the problems listed above.

Item 16A Was this child subject to the Indian Child Welfare Act? Enter an “X” in the appropriate box.

Item 16B If YES, name of tribe. Enter the name of the tribe which found the child to be subject to the Indian Child Welfare Act. (Leave the CDSS code box blank. CDSS will assign codes per program specifications.)

Item 17 Was this child a dependent of the court when referred to the adoption program? Enter an “X” in the appropriate box.

PART III. DATA ON LEGAL/BIRTH PARENT(S)

Item 18 Birthdate(s) of legal/birth parent(s). Enter birthdate(s) of legal/birth parent(s). If dates are unknown, check “unknown” next to the appropriate parent. If no exact birthdate is known, write “estimate” next to information shown, and enter the estimate date.

Item 19A State/country of legal residence of legal/birth mother. If the legal/birth mother came from her usual place of residence to California for the birth of her child, enter the name of the state or country of her legal residence. If the legal/birth mother is a California resident (that is, she has an established residence), enter California. Enter “Unknown” if the legal/birth mother’s residence is unknown. (Leave the CDSS code box blank. CDSS will assign codes per program specifications.)

Item 19B State/country of birth of this child. Enter the state or country of this child’s birth. (Leave the CDSS code box blank. CDSS will assign codes per program specifications.)

Item 20 Were birth parents married to each other at the time of this child’s birth? Enter an “X” in the appropriate box.

Item 21A Did legal/birth parent(s) have help when choosing adoptive parent(s)? Enter an “X” in the appropriate box.

Item 21B If YES, principal person assisting. Enter the appropriate code in box. (If the reason is “Other”, specify but leave the CDSS code box blank. CDSS will assign codes per program specifications.)

Item 22 In your opinion, did an irregular placement occur? Enter an “X” in the appropriate box. An irregular or unauthorized placement is one prohibited by Family

Code, Section 8609(b), which provides that, “Any person, other than a birth parent, or any organization, association, or corporation that, without holding a valid and unrevoked license to place children for adoption issued by the department, places any child for adoption is guilty of a misdemeanor.”

Item 23 Primary reason for placement. Enter the code to indicate the primary reason for this child’s placement using the following guidelines. If more than one category applies, use best judgment. (If the reason is “Other”, specify but leave the CDSS code box blank. CDSS will assign codes per program specifications.)

CODES

1 Single parent chose to place child - Birth parent with physical custody chose to place child for adoption, (e.g., an unmarried birth mother having little or no relationship with the alleged birth father chose to place her child for adoption).

2 Birth parents separated, chose to place child - Birth parents (married or unmarried) are separated and chose to place their child for adoption, (e.g., married but separated birth parents chose to place their child for adoption, or, an unmarried couple have broken up after a significant relationship and chose to place their child for adoption).

3 Birth parents living together, chose to place child - Birth parents are living together (married or unmarried) but voluntarily chose to place child for adoption.

4 Presumed/legal father is not birth father - The birth mother is married, but her husband is not the birth father.

5 Readoption by birth parent(s) - Birth parent(s) are adopting one of their own children who was previously adopted by another couple.

6 Parent(s) deceased - Either one or both parents are deceased.

7 Parent(s) unable to parent - Parent(s) are mentally, physically, or financially unable to care for child, (e.g, birth parent(s) leave their child with relatives for several years and relatives decide to adopt in the best interest of the child).

8 Abandoned - The child is abandoned and/or of unknown parentage.

9 Other - Mark this item if none of the above apply and enter specific reason.

PART IV. DATA ON LEGAL/BIRTH PARENT(S) AND ADOPTING PARENT(S)

Item 24A Race.

Enter a code in the appropriate box for each person to show the racial background of each of the birth parent(s) and adopting parent(s). If the parent is of more than one race, indicate the background by checking the primary race. In cases where no one race is primary, determine the race using the following order: Alaskan Native/American Indian, Black, Filipino, Asian, White, unknown. (For example, if a person is American Indian and Black, check Alaskan Native/American Indian; if a person is Black and White, check Black; if a person is Filipino and Chinese, check Filipino, etc).

CODES

01 “White” means a person whose ancestry is of European, North African, or Middle Eastern origin.

03 “Black” means a person whose ancestry is any of the racial groups of Africa except North Africa.

04 “Other Asian/Pacific Islander” means a person whose ancestry is in the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands whose specific place of origin is not listed in items 05 through 16.

05 “Filipino” means a person whose ancestry is of the Philippine Islands.

06 “Alaskan Native/American Indian” means a person whose ancestry is of the Americas and who maintains tribal affiliation or is so recognized in the community.

07 “Chinese” means a person whose ancestry is of China.

08 “Cambodian” means a person whose ancestry is of Cambodia.

09 “Japanese” means a person whose ancestry is of Japan.

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10	“Korean” means a person whose ancestry is of Korea.	Item 31	<u>Employment status of adopting parent(s) prior to adoptive placement of this child.</u> Enter a code in the appropriate box for each petitioner.
11	“Samoan” means a person whose ancestry is of Samoa.	Item 32	<u>Annual gross income of adopting parent(s).</u> Enter the annual gross income of the petitioner(s) at the time of the court report. Use gross income, both earned and unearned, before taxes and other deductions.
12	“Asian/Indian” means a person whose ancestry is of the Indian subcontinent.	Item 33A	<u>Did adopting parent(s) meet face-to-face with legal/birth mother and/or legal/birth father?</u> Enter an “X” in the appropriate box to indicate whether or not at least one of the adopting parent(s) met with the legal/birth mother and/or the legal/birth father.
13	“Hawaiian” means a person whose ancestry is of the Hawaiian Islands.	Item 33B	<u>If YES, did they meet prior to placement?</u> Enter an “X” in the appropriate box.
14	“Guamanian” means a person whose ancestry is of Guam.	Item 34A	<u>Did adopting parent(s) file a guardianship petition?</u> Enter an “X” in the appropriate box.
15	“Laotian” means a person whose ancestry is of Laos.	Item 34B	<u>If YES, was guardianship granted?</u> Enter an “X” in the appropriate box.
16	“Vietnamese” means a person whose ancestry is of Vietnam.	Item 35	<u>Do adopting parent(s) and legal/birth parent(s) plan to have contact in the future?</u> Enter an “X” in the appropriate box.
17	“Unknown” means that it is not possible to place the person in any of the above categories.	Item 36A	<u>Did adopting parent(s) pay any expenses of birth parent(s) or child?</u> Enter an “X” in the appropriate box to indicate whether adopting parent(s) paid any expenses of birth parent(s) either during or after pregnancy.
Item 24B	<u>Is this person of Hispanic origin?</u> Enter the correct code (1 = Yes, 2 = No) for each person. <u>This item is separate from Item 24A and both items must be completed for each person.</u> For example, a person from Cuba might be Black and Hispanic; a person from Mexico, White and Hispanic; a person from Peru, Japanese and Hispanic.	Item 36B	<u>If YES, enter amount paid.</u> Enter in whole dollars the amount of financial assistance that petitioner(s) paid to mother and/or child in each category. If separate expenses were paid for both mother and child, combine them in whole dollars and enter the total.
Item 25	<u>Education.</u> Enter the appropriate code to show the highest year of schooling completed by each parent. Consider completion of work in schools which offer diplomas or certification only (such as public, private or parochial schools, colleges, universities or professional schools). Trade school training which leads to certification, licensure, etc., should also be included.	Item 37	<u>Agency fee for this child.</u> Enter the fee the agency is charging the family. If the fee is waived, enter “0”. If the fee is deferred, enter the amount the family will pay. If the fee is for more than one child, divide the total fee paid by the family by the number of children (e.g., if two children were adopted, and a \$1,250 fee was charged, divide that amount by 2 and enter \$650.)
<u>PART V. DATA ON ADOPTING PARENT(S)</u>			
Item 26	<u>Is this child being adopted by only one adopting parent?</u> Enter the appropriate code to indicate whether the child is being adopted by a couple or sole petitioner.	<u>Completed By:</u> The person completing the form should print his/her name, the date this AD 42I was completed, and the telephone number where he/she can be reached during normal working hours.	
Item 27	<u>Marital status of adopting parent(s) at time of placement.</u> This item reports the marital status of each adopting parent. For each adopting parent, indicate marital status at time of placement.		
Item 28	<u>Is adopting parent(s) related to this child? (By blood, marriage, or through previous adoption).</u> Enter code in the appropriate boxes. (If the reason is “Other”, specify but leave the CDSS <input type="text"/> code box blank. CDSS will assign codes per program specifications.)		
Item 29	<u>Birthdate(s) of adopting parent(s).</u> Enter the month, day, and year of each adopting parent(s)’ birth.		
Item 30	<u>Number of minor children in family of adopting parent(s).</u> Enter number of minor children in adopting family in appropriate categories.		
Item 30A	<u>This adoptive child.</u> The child who is the subject of this report is already counted.		
Item 30B	<u>“Other children being adopted”</u> refers to children in the home (other than the subject of this report) whose adoption by this couple is pending.		
Item 30C	<u>“Previously adopted”</u> are those children for whom an adoption action other than a stepparent adoption has been completed.		
Item 30D	<u>“Biological children of either parent”</u> refers to the petitioner(s)’ biological children and not those being adopted or previously adopted.		
Item 30E	<u>“Foster children”</u> refers to those children in foster care with none of the above actions pending or in progress.		
Item 30F	<u>“Guardianship cases”</u> refers to those cases where a child has been appointed a legal guardian by the court.		
Item 30G	<u>“Other children”</u> refers to any other minor children in the home of the adopting parents. This will include relatives, etc.		
Item 30H	<u>“Total”</u> should include the total number of children listed in Items 30A through G. If there are no other children in the home, the total will be one.		

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